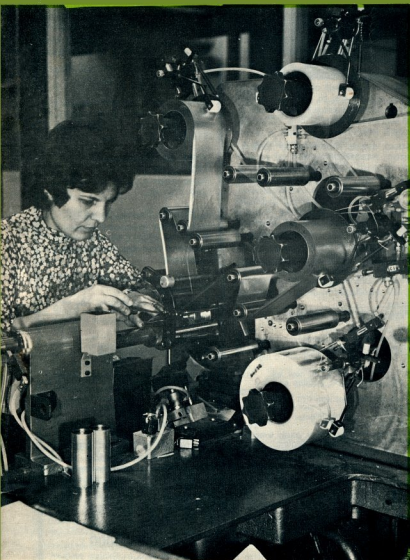


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Despite a lot of talk recently that the component industry in Australia is finished, at least one factory in Melbourne is in full production of capacitors. This particular machine is winding metallised paper capacitors for the telephone industry.

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LICENCE FEES

Since the Government doubled licence fees for the Amateur Service in the recent Budget, strong representations have been made by the Executive through both Governmental and Opposition channels. Letters were immediately written to the Treasurer, Post-Master General, Minister for Defence and Deputy Leader of the Opposition spelling out our objections to the licence fee increase and the hardships and unwarranted imposition which this placed upon all amateurs in Australia. Replies, as at time of writing, have been received from the Post-Master General, Minister for Defence and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

On the Governmental side, the replies have indicated the matter has now been referred to the appropriate authorities for examination. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Phillip Lynch, replied that he had made urgent representations on behalf of the Institute to the appropriate Ministers and had also referred the matter to Senators Guilfoyle and Durack, both of whom have Opposition responsibility in the areas to which we referred.

It is to be hoped that these representations, together with those made by individual amateurs through their local Members will result, at the very least, in restoration of the old \$6 licence fee.

The importance of individual amateurs raising this subject with their own Member cannot be stressed too strongly.

Only by each and every amateur raising his or her voice in protest can we hope to impress upon the Government the full significance of this increased cost.

It would be a great shame if even one amateur were forced, through these economic considerations, to abandon a hobby which provides, on the one hand, great enjoyment and a contribution to international understanding and, on the other hand, the potential for providing valuable emergency communications, the need for which can never be forecast.

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The amateur would be well advised to stick with Ferric Chloride solution as it is safe (provided you don't splash it in your eyes or try to drink it) and stable. At room temperature with fresh solution a board should etch in about half an hour and if the solution is warmed etch times as short as 5-10 minutes can be achieved. Do not boil though, as nothing is gained and it tends to spit.

R. Roper

ALLOCATION OF FREQUENCIES

One of the potentially controversial claims made by the 'Third World' (less developed) countries, supported by China, at the WARC (Maritime) in Geneva a few months ago relates to the joint ownership of the radio frequency spectrum by all countries. It appears that these countries actively dispute the historical development of the international allocation system which gives first users the right of protection against newcomers. How far this philosophy will spill-over into allocations not directly relating to the maritime service cannot of course be predicted with any great precision but if it does the amateur bands might present a tempting target. Certainly the 7 MHz amateur band might well be claimed to belong to those broadcasting stations which have populated it for so long by the time WARC 1979 approaches.



UHF TV

The ABCB has announced channeling arrangements for UHF television as a first step towards the future introduction of some TV services on UHF. The UHF channels extend from Channel 28 (526-543 MHz) to Channel 34 (574-582 MHz) in Band IV and from Channel 39 (614-622 MHz) to Channel 63 (806-814 MHz) in Band V and are slated to supplement the existing 13 VHF channels. The non-continuous numbering system arises from the desirability of arranging for uniformity between Australian channels/frequency allocation and the present overseas practice. It is stated. No UHF transmitting has so far been authorised but the need to do so for new types of TV services might arise in possibly 5 years time. In the shorter term, however, the Board would be authorising UHF transmissions to supplement VHF transmissions for "fill-in" type services. No new services, it is said, will use Channel 5 in the future in accordance with the FM Inquiry recommendations and many existing services on this channel will have to change to an alternative channel to make way for the introduction of FM broadcasting.

CALL-SIGN PREFIXES

The following call-sign blocks have been allocated: ABA-A92 Bahrain; CAA-CAZ Republic of Cyprus; H3A-H3Z Republic of Panama. The Republic of Gambia has become the 147th member country of the ITU. XV5AA, XV5AB and XB5AC have been authorised to exchange radiocommunications with other amateur radio stations outside the Republic of Viet-Nam. Radio Comms. Aug. '74.

RECEIVERS

Pat Hawker G3VA in TT (Rad. Comms. Aug. '74) discusses some of the valid reasons in favour of home-brew HF communications receivers quite apart from any natural sense of achievement that comes from such a project. "Just as teenagers can build a performance car that will outperform Detroit's creations on the drag strip, many an amateur can build a better receiver than he can afford to buy. Yet too many of the designs in amateur journals are imitations of commercial designs and although giving their builders valuable experience too often may result in an inferior receiver at a higher cost".

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PAL Colour Television for Servicemen — W. C. Cook	\$15.00
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This rides freely on two $\frac{1}{4}$ inch bolts which are a fixture in the base. Hexagon heads, let in, are ideal. The centres are set about 2 inches in from the front edge and from the side. A steel washer under each wing nut will make tightening easier. Slots are required in the hold down for

The bender is lowered to a horizontal position and the work allowed to project over the edge of the base as is desired. The material is then clamped with the hold down and the bender pulled up to a vertical position.



SSTV Scene — 1974

Since earlier articles in AR were published, the popularity of SSTV in Australia has been little short of fantastic. The amount of video coming from Australian shacks is on the increase daily. There are, at this time, more than sixty stations with monitors.

To help those interested in venturing into this field, it was thought wise to let all know of the present state of the art in Australia and overseas.

Import duties make the procurement of commercial equipment quite out of the question for most amateurs. Hence most SSTV equipment used in Australia is of the "home brew" variety.

The need to provide help to would-be Slow Scanners was realised by the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club (EMDRC) SSTV group, and thus the ground was prepared to provide "State of the Art" printed circuit boards and designs around available commonly procurable local components. To date, the group can supply at cost, printed circuit boards for X51 monitor, X52 camera, SSTV master sync pulse generator, Fast Scan to Slow Scan Sampler, and Video Keyboard.

All of these boards will be supplied with circuits and component details. It is emphasised that these boards are the result of a tremendous amount of research culminating in a finished product which, with

little effort, is right up to the state of the Art.

MONITORS

The earlier monitors derived their sync and raster from the distant station and thus when sync was not forthcoming the screen remained blank. It was not long before monitors began to appear whose locally generated ramp generators were synchronized to the incoming video.

This gave the added benefit of a continuously painted raster and even when a slight loss of sync did occur, video information would still be presented in a very recognisable form, and in some cases one would not realise that any disturbance had occurred. Sync derivation techniques improved to allow for better signal to interference ratio. The earlier development of toroidal tuned circuits to extract the 1200 Hz sync pulse has given way to the physically compact use of active filters using operational amplifiers. Some circuits go even further and use phased locked loops. However, this idea has not received as much attention as it deserves.

The X51 monitor board will provide the constructor with the major back-bone for a monitor. It is fully solid state using Operational Amplifiers extensively and commonly available components. The only additional components required to complete the monitor are a CRO tube, EHT supply and basic power supply (+ and — 15 volt regulators are already on the board).

The original use of P7 phosphor tubes (5BP7, 5FP7, 7BP7 etc.) was alright, how-

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ever, the availability of these tubes now is a problem. Also, deflection and focus sing coils were an additional problem as these are likewise very hard to obtain.

The SSTV group realising this problem, approached a TV tube re-gum manufacturer for an alternative. The outcome was a major breakthrough for the Australian SSTV exponent. After much testing, an E26 phosphor was developed which could be inserted in any TV glass ware. The finished product is a brand new guaranteed tube with a phosphor which could be viewed in relatively bright lighting (Twin 40W fluorescents) something which was only a dream with the P7 phosphor.

At present we are awaiting further tests on several new phosphors imported from the UK. These have very interesting possibilities and hopefully we may be able to further improve the E26 phosphor, which has a very slight tendency to smear and cause slight loss in picture definition compared with the P7 style of phosphor.

Additionally the bright trace was eliminated from the picture during scan. The picture colour is a reddish orange, but after viewing for a short time one quickly adapts to this colour against the green nature of the P7 phosphor. An 11 inch tube can be supplied "off the shelf" for approximately \$26.50 plus packing. Eight inch tubes are now a little hard to come by, due to glassware problems. This is most likely caused by TV stations standardising on larger video monitors. However, if you can obtain a tube of smaller dimensions with an intact envelope, EMDRC will re-phosphor and re-gum this for you. The most common size of picture raster depends upon the viewing distance, but normally a 6 inch square picture is satisfactory, and going above this size will tend to cause degradation in the picture due to the line spacing.

By using the TV picture tubes, standard focusing, deflection and EHT component parts are used. The normal EHT requirement for this phosphor is about 13.5 kV. This is a compromise between brightness and persistence. **A word of warning:** the screen will burn instantly if a spot or a high intensity picture is left on the screen for any length of time. However, the X51 monitor has "spot kill" and line deflection failure circuits inbuilt for tube protection.

After one has completed his monitor and has overcome his excitement of receiving high quality pictures from all over the world, he quickly wants to get amongst it and send his own video. Probably he has approached one of the SSTV operators and has his CQ call, name and QTH on tape to attract attention, but it's not the same as sending what he wishes when he wishes. Now he faces the decision of how



Doug VK8KK with home-built slow scan monitor at lower left, fast scan monitor above, Akai tape recorder, and FTD490 transceiver.

to tackle the problem. He has the basic choice of three directions:

1. Flying Spot Scanner.
2. X52 type of Camera.
3. Fast to Slow Scan conversion technique.

Taking them one by one.

The Flying Spot Scanner can be broken down into two types. "See through" and "Reflective". The "See through" type places the scanned subject between the raster tube and the photo multiplier and is naturally a transparency. The reflective version places the image to be scanned in front of the raster which is focused upon the image. The reflected light intensity is picked up by two photo multipliers placed in front of the lens.

Out of the two, the reflective system is by far the most flexible, enabling the average amateur to find transmission data from books, etc. or his own pen drawings of the appropriate size.

The other method requires the amateur to dabble in photography and thus limits his capabilities. Both systems give the same picture quality. The electronics behind a Flying Spot Scanner are very simple and basic. They would also be by far the most inexpensive. The metal work, etc. in the construction requires a bit of a workshop and poses the biggest headache.

When building a Flying Spot Scanner, several operators have run into smearing definition problems. This has been due to the phosphor of the raster tube. 3BP7, 3FP7 and the like as generally used for this purpose rely on the fast phosphor (the bright blue trace—not the green afterglow) which allows for a fast rise and fall time used in scanning. However, during their time of manufacture (WW2) the prime objective was to produce the "P7" phosphor i.e. the long persistence, and the "excitation phosphor" was not always of a fast writing type. The author has had experience of having three 3BP7s by the same manufacturer produced within a four month period giving completely different results. Only one tube was satisfactory. If you have a smearing or similar problem, this could be your trouble.

Incidentally, while talking CRO tubes, we in VK are trying to convince overseas manufacturers to change the 1:1 picture format, for the standard 4:3. Even the foremost manufacturer of SSTV equipment uses a 4:3 tube but masks out the remainder of the unused tube. Of course, as previously mentioned, the large majority of VK monitors use TV tubes, and technically there are only advantages to be gained. The only drawback being those using old CRO tubes which give a smaller overall picture. It will not be long before these surplus P7 tubes will become extinct.

Some amateurs would be quite happy to stop at a Fast Scan Sampler and put up with its draw-back of having to prepare all material which is to be sent beforehand. However, the bug normally bites to own a camera and shoot scenes at random.

Improvement always means added expenditure and increased technical finesse!



Example of digital video — produced from home-built keyboard of VK8KK.

Thus we move onto cameras.

X52. This is similar to the commercial SSTV cameras and it derives all its voltage requirements from its matching monitor. It is technically a "fast scan" camera with inbuilt sampling. One should not confuse the term fast scan as related to normal TV transmissions, as the term indicates. However, it runs at a 4 kHz rate, which is then sampled. It can be seen from this that a "fast scan" output is not compatible with normal TV monitors, and thus cannot be displayed on same. Most commercial SSTV systems employ this technique though lately a new brand has come out with the true fast scan sampled camera. The only draw-back with the former system (4 kHz sampled) is that all set up focusing, lighting etc. must be carried out observing your slow scan monitor. This can be frustrating and time consuming, waiting for adjustments to be seen on each subsequent 8 second frame.

However, all is not as dark as might appear. With additional circuitry your CRO (if you own one — almost essential for SSTV) can be used to display the 5 kHz picture. It is quite acceptable and allows for instant focusing and set up.

Most SSTV manufacturers advertise a "fast scan" adaptor and in nearly all this is what they refer to.

THE TRUE FAST SCAN SAMPLED TECHNIQUE

Here again the amateur is faced with the most important immediate criterion — cost. What is required is a normal fast scan camera as used in a store security set up. It is possible to obtain one of these if one keeps his ear to the ground and is in the right place at the right time. You could be lucky to obtain one with its own monitor or else an old standard TV receiver will suffice. It is not necessary to have an RF output but one has to bring out the video. Incidentally, having procured a fast scan camera, it opens up the possibility of using this for fast scan transmissions on UHF.

The techniques here have been made very simple, and a fast scan to slow scan converter PC board of latest design is available, with a master sync pulse generator board, from the SSTV group.

By using this technique you can in-

stantly switch from FS to SS without defacing your FS camera (you may wish to sell it later) and at all times watch your picture for alignment. In the slow scan mode your fast scan display will tend to flicker slightly (due to the 16 2/3rd Hz frame rate) but is perfectly readable with very little degradation.

Before leaving video generation techniques, a word about SSTV FM modulators. Some of the older circuits use discreet component multivibrators. These are extremely hard to set up and to hold their settings. The latest thing is the NE566 which is a voltage controlled oscillator and the implementation of one of these plus an Operational Amplifier low pass filter will provide a very stable modulator.

OVERSEAS TRENDS

Most stations you exchange video with outside Australia will be using commercial equipment; however there still remains a hard core body who "roll their own" and exercise new techniques. You will quickly recognise these operators because in general, their video will stand out over the normal run-of-the-mill video.

The latest to come from the USA, namely from W0LMD, is direct conversion from fast scan to slow scan without any modification whatsoever to the camera. This complicated process will digitally convert any fast scan video to slow scan which opens up great possibilities.

Further to this, a slow scan to fast scan system is now working as designed by this same person. This is undoubtedly the slow scanner's dream. To do away with all long persistence phosphor tubes. You would then be able to view all received video on your common fast scan receiver. This process is not easy and requires a very large capacity memory which is loaded at slow scan rate and continuously read at fast scan rate. A project of this nature is almost impracticable for the Australian amateur due to the cost of the IC's needed. However, as the IC continues to fall in price, the practical feasibility draws nearer. Maybe by that time some enterprising person will have designed the complex PC boards.

Obviously the next possibility as a flow on is instant colour slow scan pictures. Technically, with what is available at this very time, it is quite feasible but the catch is how to do it without spending a million dollars.

Another interesting adjunct to the SSTV field is the SSTV video keyboard. As any slow scanner soon finds when trying to have a QSO, or especially in a contest, he ends up with large amounts of paper with call signs, reports, and the like he has been flashing before his camera.

This little magic box eliminates all this. It consists of a keyboard (like a typewriter) in which ASC II characters are generated and eventually converted to SSTV. Hence, you sit back and type away your QSO and video mix with your camera. No fuss, no bother, the hardest thing is the typing. This magic box with its 60 odd IC's will be available from the SSTV group as a PC board by the time you read this.

There is already a great queue of overseas amateurs awaiting its release.

COSTS

The first thing most amateurs ask is "how much will it cost me to get into SSTV?" The second statement is "Oh, it's too difficult for me".

Well, the difficulty angle as previously explained has been overcome by the production of first-class fibre glass solder dipped and gold flashed edge connector PC boards and it is simplicity plus to insert the components.

It is always difficult to put a price tag on a home-built piece of equipment for each amateur has his own degree of junk box. The basic components are hereby listed as a guide, but it must be remembered that nowadays prices change by the hour.

- PC board for monitor (X51) \$11.00
- PC board for camera (X52) \$11.00
- 11 inch E26 tube \$26.50 + \$1.00 P & P
- SSTV sampler \$6.50
- SSTV sync pulse generator \$6.50
- K7OLO fast to slow scan boards (2 in set) \$20.00 pair
- Resistors capacitors IC for monitor — supplied on request
- Resistors capacitors IC for camera — supplied on request
- Monitor and camera kits etc. available on request.

Finally, to answer some of the more general questions that are asked besides availability of circuits and costs which have been covered earlier.

Q. Where can I obtain information on SSTV?

A. SSTV handbook published by 73 available from advertisers in AR or SSTV Group.

Q. Where do you find SSTV operators?

A. Mostly on 14 MHz (14230 kHz) which is the most active frequency for all slow scan, but there is activity also on 3565, 7125, 21340 and 28650 kHz when conditions permit.

Q. How can I record SSTV pictures?

A. As SSTV signals are FM audio tones angling from 1200 Hz (Sync) to 2300 Hz (white) they can be recorded on a good quality tape recorder. In attempting to record signals blind, (without a monitor working) off air, your results will be doomed to failure. This is due to the cor-

rect tuning necessary (In true fact it is not that critical) and without a working monitor it is difficult to achieve. SSTV dubbings of tapes for alignment purposes are available to you by sending your tape to the SSTV group. Remember direct electrical patching between recorder and receiver audio is a must, otherwise severe sync pulse distortion will result.

Finally, on tape recorders. Wow and Flutter are the major problems and even with the more expensive cassette types this proves objectionable. Straight lines etc. tend to jitter. Reel to reel recorders to 3 1/4" or preferably 7 1/2" per second are most satisfactory. However, if you will accept the jitter, use cassettes. Watch out for RFI into your recorder. A lot of cassette recorders with ICs suffer badly in this regard.

Q. How do I receive information on SSTV?

A. Join in with the SSTV group on 14230 kHz and someone will always be willing to slide off the frequency and give you the latest "drum". Everybody is most welcome, but rag-chewing without video on the International SSTV net frequencies should be avoided. SSTV operators in general are poor letter writers and it is quicker to get you acquainted with what concerns you over the air.

Q. I cannot handle anything with these IC things in them.

A. A complete untruth! They are simple to fault find and anyway, if you get into trouble, there are plenty of people to help you on 14230. Besides, if you follow the drawings and put the right things in the right place, you should have immediate success. The next SSTV operator has built the same monitor as yours.

Q. What test equipment is necessary?

A. (a) Ideally most SSTV stations should be equipped with a DC CRO that will reach to 5 MHz.

(b) Alignment of modulators require precise frequency adjustments which indicates a digital frequency meter; however, tone tapes are available for this purpose.

(c) Normal multimeter etc.

Q. What modifications to my transmitter are necessary to transmit SSTV?

A. Nil — by using, if you have it, the "phone patch" facilities (e.g. FDX 400 etc.) the 600 ohms input/output can be fed to and from your SSTV monitor or modulator. Remember SSTV is FM audio and the ratings for PA are continuous duty cycle. Reduce your input accordingly or a PA tube "wipe out" will occur within no time at all. Watch for colour in PA tubes and reduce input below this point when transmitter is correctly tuned.

Typical Symptoms of picture degradation: *Multipath distortion.* Picture displaced due to loss of sync or multiple sync. At times picture unreadable even though signals are very strong. Fault is due to propagation causing sync to arrive at different time intervals. Nothing can be done to overcome this trouble. The higher the frequency the less the multi-path effect. Long path signals are less affected than short path

of similar or even weaker signal strengths. *Picture too dark* — receiver tuned too low in frequency. Often loss of sync will occur at the same time.

Picture too light, lacking in contrast — Receiver tuned too high in frequency. Loss of sync not always noticable and in general vertical sync disappears before horizontal sync.

Snow on picture when signals are strong and sync is good — Too high a level feeding monitor.

One of the most common complaints confronting the SSTV scene revolves around received pictures having too much contrast or too little. In 90 per cent of these cases, the fault lies at the transmission end. It is an easy trap to set up the camera and monitor to give the indications of a perfectly balanced contrast range, however, this need not be so. Thus a "hack standard" must be maintained to overcome this problem. Commercial monitors normally supply a test tape for adjustment purposes. On this tape a grey scale is presented and the monitor should be set up to this standard, controls marked for reference and settings used as such to set up your camera. For those who roll their own, one can procure a test tape as mentioned earlier, or have someone send you grey scale over the air for calibration purposes. Ideally, one should construct a grey scale generator for this purpose. The X51 and E26 monitor combination can easily display six distinct levels of grey scale.

Hopefully, now your interest has been aroused in SSTV, for you can see the way has been paved in VK to help you join in this rewarding aspect of our hobby by allowing you to follow in the footsteps of others who have learned the hard way.

Join in the fun, we hope to see you on the nets.

ACTIVE SSTV OPERATORS IN VK, ZL AREAS

VK1AU	Col	VK4NP	Norm
VK2KK	Ted	VK4NO	Tom
VK2KI	Gil	VK5BS	Barry
VK2AG	George	VK5PV	Peter
VK2MO	Mike	VK5AV	John
VK3	Red	VK5CY	
VK3TE	Stan	VK5MF	Al
VK3LM	John	VK5WC	Chris
VK3KK	Rag	VK5ZPG	Peter
VK3WX	Bill	VK6CS	Col
VK3PB	Jack	VK7JV	John
VK3EG	Ted	VK7TB	Trevor
VK3MV	Milton	VK7FB	Mike
VK3AGM	Phil	VK7TM	Tom
VK3ABM	Walley	VK8KK	Doug
VK3AOL	Geoff	VK8XX	Tony
VK3AMC	John	P29MC	Mac
VK3S0B	Bob	P29DJ	Graham
VK3BFM	John	ZL1ADW	Malcolm
VK3BAV	Max	ZL1ADY	Ian
VK3YEO	Mac	ZL2AAV	Ralph
VK4TM	Trevor	ZL4PJ	Bronk

SLOW SCAN NET FREQUENCIES

80	3670 kHz	15	21340 kHz
40	7135 kHz	10	28650 kHz
20	14230 kHz		

For information on SSTV, Kits, PC Boards, alignment tapes, picture tubes etc., contact John Wilson, VK3LM, c/- Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club, PO Box 87, Mitcham, Victoria.



Rig of Barry VK5BS showing home-built flying spot scanner and monitor.

Telecommand and Telemetry of the OSCAR 6 and 7 Communications Satellites - Part 2

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As had been stated the Australian system of Autocommand was designed and built as a package. Non-availability of computer time on a day to day basis and the possession of certain items of hardware freed the initial design more on economic grounds than anything else.

AUTOCOMMAND — 2. The Australian System It was decided from the start to eliminate as much as possible the use of electro-mechanical devices such as tape readers and magnetic tape recorders to ensure as much reliability and freedom from maintenance as possible. Previous experience had proved the practicability of static shift registers and character recognition as a cheap sequential memory source. Baudot code was chosen instead of the more usual ASCII simply because the author owned a Creed Model 7B

teletypewriter. The initial character recognition of the 31 characters (ignoring upper and lower case) of Baudot has proved more than sufficient for Oscar 6. However, Oscar 7 will require the use of 35 command words alone so upper and lower case memory circuits will be added to allow expansion.

The choice of memory length in terms of bits was taken as a result of the unique window of the Ilos satellites (and hence Oscars 6 and 7 which were flown as secondary payloads with these satellites) over Australia. The Ilos orbit pattern results in 2 groups of visible orbits over Eastern Australia in a 24 hour period, 3 to 4 orbits centred on 0800 hours east and a second group centred on 2200 hours east. A period of some 8 hours exists in the middle of the day when no orbits are visible. This pattern of command requirements led to the choice of 2 independently loaded shift register memories for a 24 hour period.

It was decided early to only pre-programme 24 hours in advance to allow maximum flexibility for last minute changes and as a safety measure in case of power failure, etc. It has been found in the many months of operation of this system that the author is in attendance to check approximately 80 per cent of the orbits commanded. A further benefit of the choice of 2 memories to cover 24 hours has been the ability to use a similar elapsed time clock between orbits. The "wait" period has been fixed at 100 min. and this is derived by counting 50 Hz mains cycles.

With Oscar 6's orbit period of 114,994 minutes the 100 minute wait period allows commands to be sent over at least the initial 50 per cent of the orbit pass. Letters (or symbols) from the shift registers are read in groups of 2 or 3, depending on whether antenna positioning is required, at intervals of 1 minute during the orbit. A "minute" word therefore is of 16 or 24 bit length (2 bits are used as the letter stop function instead of the usual one, to allow even subdivision of the 512 and 1024 bit shift registers used). A two letter "word" is used for the more critical control functions such as "transmitter on" or "off" as a safety measure. Single letters within the 16 or 24 bit minute word are used for command selection and antenna positioning and for time wait periods.

It is intended to allow a more versatile wait period by using a programmable divider as part of the wait clock with its programming code selected as the 2nd letter of the wait command. This will be added when time allows. As the attached mnemonic list shows certain control functions such as memory load, memory read and memory selection (4 separate shift registers of varying multiples of 512 bits are available) can only be selected when the shift register clock source is disabled (stop mode). All control functions are sent from the teletype keyboard in the stop mode. This allows positive checking of S.R. load as a teletype print out. Correct timing is assured by parity check circuits, also the S.R. are always filled to capacity. The recognition of 4 successive "N" will disable the S.R. clock and place the system back in the load stop mode, i.e. under the command of the keyboard. Figure 1 is an example of a "minimum" load of 512 bits covering 3 orbits and the intervening wait periods.

Antenna positioning is not used in this example, i.e. an omni directional antenna is used. This is adequate for orbits 15° max. elevation or more. Directional antennas on azimuth-elevation mounts must be used on lower elevation orbits or where weather conditions (hot days) may cause bending of the command signal. When antenna positioning is not required a 16 bit (2 letter) word is selected and the appropriate antenna controls switched off. When antenna positioning is required a 24 bit word is used and the first and second letters within the 24 bit minute word frame are used to stop the azimuth and elevation units (in 10° increments) when required. Autohoming circuits are used on these control units after each orbit. The azimuth unit used is a modified commercial Stollie rotor and the elevation unit was made for the author from a DC motor with worm gear drive and remote lead sensing by a friend. The last letter of the 16 or 24 bit word is used to select the command to be sent and through a latch and matrix selects the 3 bit of 7 code to be sent on the command encoder board. This command is sent in brackets of 5 at 1 second intervals at each minute period. The drive to the transmitter is removed between these bursts of commands so that a minimum of radiated signal is used.

As the block diagram shows, the transmitter final power amplifier, a 4C x 250R vacuum tube, which is in a class C protective bias situation, has plate and screen, heater, and bias voltage applied for the whole of the pass. 1 minute before the satellite is due, recognition of the word TR applies power to the heater and bias circuits of the tube and to its blower; 40 seconds after this a time delay relay applies plate and screen power. 20 seconds after this, at the next 1 minute word, the first command is sent when the RF exciter and driver, which are all solid state, are energized. Sufficient drive is used to overcome the bias. Recognition of the characters CR turns off power to all stages and the next word sets the wait period until the next orbit.

Positive check is maintained on the system by a series of LED indicators including a 7 segment

MINIMUM LOAD 3 ORBITS 512 BITS

TR Z Z C C V V
WTR Z Z Z B B V V V C C
WTR Z Z R C V V Z
NNNN

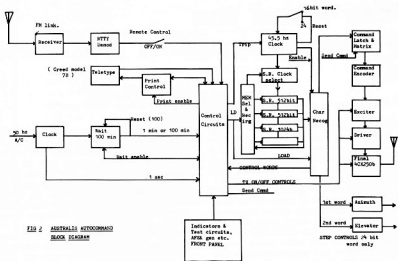
Words are 2 letters (16 bits) long.

MEMORIC LIST, Australian Auto Command

Load stop functions only		1st let	2nd let
Memory Select	(S Deselects Previous Mem)	S	7
		S	8
		S	9
LOAD		L	D
READ		R	D
<u>LOAD or READ FUNCTIONS</u>			
WAIT		W	To be followed by wait period (Hexadecimal x 10)
Transmitter ON		T	R
Antenna Move (NOT USED) (16 bit word)		M	This is 1st letter of 3 letter group.
COMMAND		Z	(TRANSPONDER ON)
1		X	(TRANSPONDER OFF) THESE ARE THE
2		C	(435.1 mhz Beacon off) MAIN COMMANDS
4		V	(Telemetry to 10 WPM) USED.
8		B	(AGC ENABLE)
17		A	(Clock Reset)
TRANSMITTER OFF		CR	LF
Print (Teletypewriter)		P	R
Stop Printing		P	S
Stop (Reverts to load stop)		N	N N N

Figure 6 Sample Frame of Teletype Telemetry Data

11001-10111-00000-00101-11101-01010-11111-10101-00111-11011
11001-10111-00000-00101-11101-01010-11111-10101-00111-11011
00977-01558-02873-03730-04157-05534-06368-07198-08614-09734
10854-11220-12348-13149-14000-15674-16075-17598-18664-19025
20238-21365-22532-23123-24672-25389-26131-27506-28907-29211
30871-31089-32140-33585-34613-35831-36722-37255-38234-39189
40645-41452-42950-43001-44335-45786-46479-47362-48919-49604
50057-51482-52942-53717-54451-55184-56999-57500-58236-59968



numeric led indicator which indicates the SR in use and a 3 figure (7 segment leds again) bit counter on the system clock. A further 3 figure counter on the wait clock is being installed.

Several peripheral circuits have been added to allow control of the teleprinter to save paper when printout is not required. Because the system uses the Amateur standard 45.5 KHz Baudot code speed

provision has been made to allow remote control of the system and memory loading through an RTTY link on command frequency via an AFSK demodulator built into the unit. This allows precise starting of the clock and hence the whole memory system from a remote source if need be. Other subsystems allow continuous clock operation to check memory loads and provision for dump-

ing the loads into a cassette recorder via a phase coherent AFSK generator also built into the hardware.

The hardware involved is mounted on a total of 15 small plug-in boards to allow easy modifying and servicing. TTL small and medium scale integration is used wherever economically feasible. The SR and some other minor items are National Semiconductor Mos. The matrix at present in use to select the 3 or 7 code is to be replaced by a PROM to eliminate the huge matrix required for 35 separate commands. The total number of IC involved is approximately 120 and all the NON RF hardware and power supplies are contained within a 7" depth sliding 19" rack tray.

A system of standard orbits in 5° increments of equator crossings is used to predict AZ and EL settings for each orbit. These are generated by computer programmes which show prediction for any part of the world by specifying latitude and longitude co-ordinates. A further programme is supplied to each command station that predicts orbits in terms of minute by minute corrections and is also seen by the above description of the autocommand and nothing else. It depends entirely on the correct programme being fed in as 'software' and also on the programme being started at the correct time. A more long term and sophisticated alternative is presently being developed using one of the new single IC 8 bit parallel processors now available. It is planned with this unit to build virtually a dedicated minicomputer so that the user's orbit programme can be stored and a long term prediction programme can be implemented by automatic reference to them and a suitable time reference. It is also hoped to supply these units to the other command stations, nominally by AMSAT world wide, as a 'standard' package.

(To be concluded)

The “Pasatest” Communicating Calculator

There are so many calculators and minicomputers on the market nowadays that to merit the claim that it is the ultimate in its field, the Pasatest Communicating Calculator must be — as indeed it is — a fantastic piece of electronics.

In appearance it is exactly like the average medium priced pocket calculator, but internally the Pasatest is completely different. It is, if one can coin a phrase, actually a digital handie talkie designed to enable its fortunate owner to pass any examination for which he wishes to sit.

The head of the unit as can be seen from the block diagram, is a micro teletype transceiver with the difference that instead of a spacer printout the characters appear on the twenty digit alphanumeric display. When he receives the examination paper the owner places the calculator on it, presses a key marked FIX, and casually moves the instrument over the paper. A microvidicon scans the writing and feeds the information into the digital processor and it is then transmitted to a friend with a similar instrument in a parked car near the building. The friend writes out the answer and transmits it to the examinee who copies it down as it appears on the alphanumeric display. So that he can copy at his own pace, each group of words is displayed until the PRO. (process) button is pressed, when the next group appears.

A further refinement is the built-in

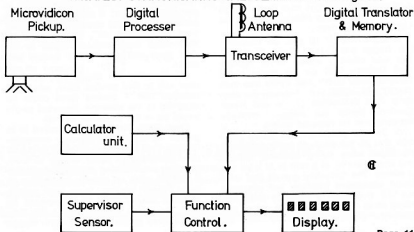
SUPERVISOR DETECTOR which, if a supervisor comes within three metres of the examinee, automatically converts the instrument into an ordinary calculator. When the danger has passed the examinee presses the PRO. (proceed) button and carries on copying down the answer. It will now be clear why the manufacturers, A. S. Windell Ltd., of Triton on the south coast of Tasmania, do not put their own name on the calculator but market a variety of models exactly resembling various internationally known makes of pocket

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calculator. All models are at present in extremely short supply but if anyone wishes to send cash or postal notes to the value of \$73,000.00 (seventy three thousand dollars) to the writer as a **deposit** he will endeavour to procure a pair as soon as possible.

NOTE 1.—If desired the PASATEST COMMUNICATING CALCULATOR can be directly interfaced to a computer, eliminating any human error. An alternative readout in the form of an automated biro is also under development. ●

PASATEST COMMUNICATING CALCULATOR. Block diagram.



The Wagga Floods — and the Amateur Radio Communications Network

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Members of the Wagga District Radio Club recently proved that once again Amateur radio communication capability is an essential part of this country's Civil Defence, and emergency scheme.

The Murrumbidgee River proved how vicious it could be during late August and early September. Twice it rose to serious flood levels. On Thursday 29th August the mammoth task of evacuating almost the entire population of North Wagga was commenced, for it was envisaged that a severe flood would hit the city within 24 hours. The calculated height was to be in the 31 to 32 feet range. At this height North Wagga would certainly be covered with at least 3 to 4 feet of water. However, due to continued heavy discharge from Burrinjuck Dam plus continued increases in local rainfall, it was realised by the authorities early on Friday the 30th that the river would reach an all-time high of over 35 feet. (The highest reading for over 100 years). The peak was reached late Friday night at 35 feet 3 inches.

In so far as the Wagga District Radio Club was concerned, they were initially requested by Civil Defence to be on stand-by as a back-up for the existing SSB and 27 MHz equipment. As early as Thursday night it was obvious that the Civil Defence Systems would not be satisfactory for the "short haul" work that was to be done. Long skip on 3730 kHz, many on-frequency heterodynes, plenty of ZLs, plus great quantities of general transient noise interference, was making the passing of even simple routine messages a very time-consuming affair. Coupled to this was the continuously increasing need for fast "evacuation-type" messages from North Wagga back to Civil Defence Headquarters on the city side of the river.

At approximately 10 p.m. on Thursday, the Wagga and District Radio Club VHF Net was officially called in to replace Civil Defence SSB on the major traffic handling nets. Continuous traffic was then passed (via WDRS VHF) between the Wards Post evacuation centre and Headquarters. Whilst our Amateur message handling was far removed from the official Civil Defence procedure, we would mention that at the peak of traffic important messages were being handled, without any known errors, at a rate of at least two a minute. The noise-free signals that were being exchanged between our operators via VHF over such a relatively short distance when compared with the noises and problems present with the HF SSB did

impress many influential people on the scene. When it was realised that the river was to reach in excess of 35 feet, Civil Defence ordered all personnel out of North Wagga (including our team, minus their vehicle which was abandoned).

The major scene of activity then switched to the main city side of the river. For those readers who have never visited Wagga we would mention that many miles of major levee banks surround the entire northern side of our city, with minor banks protecting the eastern and western sectors. With the prospects of at least a 35 foot river, and with the major levee bank designed many years ago to stand against a 36 foot river, a very serious situation had developed. A concentrated effort was made by every available service facility in Wagga to generally reinforce and increase in height all levee banks. As the river rose, the main duty of WDRS VHF operators was to now work with Civil Defence levee patrols and to report problems and requirements as they appeared. At one time during the Friday night there were five VHF mobiles on patrols with reports going directly to Local Headquarters of Civil Defence.

To go into details of the various situations and experiences encountered during the operation would take pages to relate. Suffice to say that the WDRS supplied continuous communication between base and out-stations from around 10 p.m. on Thursday till around 11 a.m. on the Saturday. By this time the Murrumbidgee was past its peak at Wagga and was very slowly falling. An electricity authority team took over from the WDRS on routine levee patrols and our members took a well earned rest on stand-by.

Because of the high average rainfall in our area this year, it was found that the surrounding flooded country-side was very slow in "running off", and as late as Wednesday many adjacent areas to the river were still covered by feet of still water.

On Thursday 5th September, with the river still in this swollen state, word was received that a second flood could be expected by the weekend. Expected height would be in the region of 31 feet.

Once again the WDRS was called in to provide all local Civil Defence communications. Two VHF bases were set up (Local Headquarters and North Wagga School), plus two river reading posts approximately 6 and 12 miles up stream. In addition to these "fixed" stations, levee bank patrols in North Wagga were to be covered by VHF. The whole relief operation this time was centred on the saving of North Wagga

homes from being inundated with water for the second time in just over one week. The operation was successful due to the efforts of many volunteers from all sections of the community. This second flood resulted in our operators being again on duty continuously from 9 a.m. on Friday 4th till 9 a.m. on Sunday 6th September, when the river had peaked and was slowly falling.

At the time of writing, the areas surrounding the Murrumbidgee from Gundagai to Narrandera are mostly covered with various depths of still, muddy water. We all hope that we have seen the last of floods for many years, but with an unusually high snow build-up in the catchment area waiting to thaw, plus the rather ominous looking weather maps, we are feeling a little uneasy at the moment. ●

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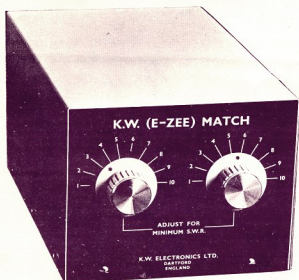
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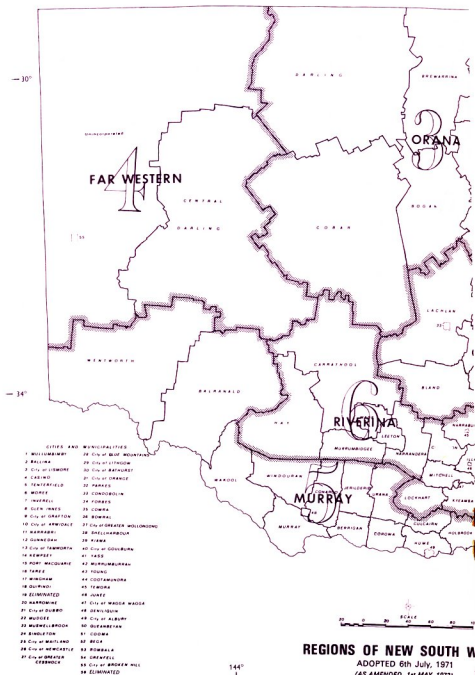
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What are we doing to ourselves

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In between the sweeping generalities in this article, there is a great amount of truth viewed against our 'popular' identity, the performance at ITU conferences of many delegates from African and other countries and the dark clouds of a world frequency conference hanging over us for 1979. Perhaps the Eastern bloc countries are quite right in classifying amateur radio as a sporting activity. (Ed.)

Quite frankly, I am heartily sick and tired of all the preaching going on within the amateur service to justify to ourselves that amateur radio is a good thing. But more, later.

Do you hear footy requiring justification for its existence? Or table tennis? Or chess? Or stamp collecting? Or flying model aircraft? There is public acceptance of these activities as essential parts of everyday existence.

"And what are your interests, Joe?" "Reading, football and going to the beach in summer". "Very good Joe — what else occupies your time apart from work and sleep, don't you bet for instance?" "Oh, yes, I have a dollar a week on Tatts and follow the dogs a bit whilst having a drink with my mates down at the pub".

You see my point? First rate things like reading, watching footy and such like. Then down to the fringe-area things like betting and a drink or two.

Listening to the radio or watching the monster are other socially acceptable activities.

But mention amateur radio and what is the response?

Either it is an unknown activity or you are asked in a derogatory way about being 'one of those hams'. Kindly folk ask what is a ham and what does he do? Perhaps the word 'ham' did us more harm in the public relations field than everything else put together including interference to favourite programmes.

Have you never faced a supercilious enquiry about being 'one of those hams'.

"Oh yes", you say, "and I gave him a really expert run down on amateur radio which he won't forget in a hurry". "Did you — good on yer mate". Like to take a bet on his reaction to your good intentioned preaching? Did you hear him later in the week talking to his friends about meeting some ham bloke — "must have been a real nut-case the way he shoved the stuff down my throat".

In the public's mind is amateur radio an activity rated below the fringe area even?

If it is — why?

I'll tell you.

We have fallen down badly with our public relations work. Not merely lately but most of the time. Are we so wrapped in our hobby, so self-centred or so introverted that we have not time to publicise ourselves. What are we? A mob of rabbits for ever burrowing underground instead of shouting our excellence from the roof tops? We claim to talk to the world

but where do we hide publicity to the ordinary man in the street?

What does the public know — or care — about the OSCAR programme? Did officialdom see to it that amateurs received no mention for their part in the recent Queensland floods? What could a good journalist have done with amateur communications for Las Balcas and countless other out of the ordinary occurrences?

Things that are happening now! Not the stale old stuff about pioneering 200 metres and below. Or the vital part played long ago by amateurs in communications by wireless. All this is good stuff but forget it once it is in written history.

OSCAR satellites, moonbounce and other scientific experiments, day to day communications going on with an interesting background. These and numerous variations on such themes should regularly appear in the press, be heard on radio and be seen on television. But for sure, ban that word 'ham'. It has lost any value it once had. It is no longer funny — just as Tony Hancock's "It's raining in Tokyo" is dated. Incidentally, the use of 'that word' is to be discouraged on no less an authority than through a policy of the WIA Federal Council.

What are we doing for the young? What are we doing for beginners? What will we be doing for Novices? Are we so smug and so elite, so privileged, so know-it-all that we have no patience with anyone aspiring to climb the ladder below us?

What are we missing in the schools? It might be too much to expect amateur radio to be an examination subject but apart from a few dedicated individuals manning the occasional YRCS activity or a 'big deal' once a year appearance by a few people on JOTA what are we doing for the young?

Hit and miss methods hopefully believing that an occasional teacher in equally few schools will fire up enough enthusiasm even to inform students about amateur radio are no longer good enough. Every school ought to know something about Oscar satellites and how easy it is to climb on this bandwagon of exciting experimentation to broaden the pupils' knowledge of the world around him (and her, too).

No, we go around hiding our talents. Because we are 'amateurs'? Is the word 'amateur' as great a millstone round our necks as the word 'ham'? Everyone must have heard the expression 'he came up from the world of amateurs'.

I submit we must do a big job on our public relations, our beneficial effects and our potential value to the community. And

this applies to you, and you and you over there as well as to WIA activated publicity constantly flooding the media until they sit up and take notice of us.

All this is very different from sitting supine in your operating chair hoping the other bloke will do something; reading in our amateur magazines about the benefits of amateur radio and how can we stave off disaster by convincing ourselves we are, after all, splendid blokes full of knowledge and world-wide bonhomie; what the great 'we' have done and hope to do.

Amateur radio is not a secret society. The activity is not allied to black magic, witchcraft or any other little known tad or occult art. Sure, we have some mystic language but this is necessary fun, part of the game. We talk openly, even with Russians, but we are not communist spies as an article in the "Sun" of 18th March seemed to imply from a British Defence Council Report.

This article is intended to stir every right-thinking amateur into doing something about our public image. Not only now, not only next week, not only next year BUT ALL THE TIME, mate. Despite our increasing numbers we do not get more frequencies. Without frequencies on which to operate where would we be? Back to growing roses perhaps! ●

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Registration details in 'AR' early 75.

What to do with that old receiver

By Harry Roach

Reprint from Zero Beat, April 1970

That old radio that Uncle Bob gave you, what can you do with it? Ever thought of making a Signal Tracer out of it? This is how you do it. If it is a superhet type, you can make it do at least 5 things.

1. A signal generator.
2. An RF probe tracer.
3. Detector output of set is used to apply to any amplifier.
4. Use the set's audio output for testing other gear or as a PU amp or can be used with hi-level output microphone.
5. Lo-level output.

You will need a switch with 5 positions. 2 x 100pf mica condensers. 3 x .05 condensers (Philips polyester) value not critical. Use at least 400v working type. Quantity of coax. (75 ohm or microphone cable) PMG jack and plug and a home made probe (out of a ball point pen shaft).

By connecting a 100pf condenser to the oscillator section of the tuning gang, you supply up the RF generated by the local oscillator of the set. This should be good until at least the third harmonic (see table)

and if you use a list of broadcast stations you can work out what generated frequency you are on or what harmonic. This is very handy as a rough check on your short wave receiver, or for lining up.

Make a probe out of a ball point shaft. Plug one end with some insulating material and insert a knitting needle or a bodkin. Solder your coax. to this and the other end of the coax. goes to a PMG jack plug.

Don't forget to earth the shielding. When the S/W is in the No. 2 position you can use this probe to pick up RF signals on another receiver. If you have trouble in the RF section of a set, use the probe by tracing a signal until you get nothing and then you start looking at that particular section for trouble.

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3AW (1280)	1735 "	3470 "	5205 "
3AK (1500)	1955 "	3910 "	5865 "

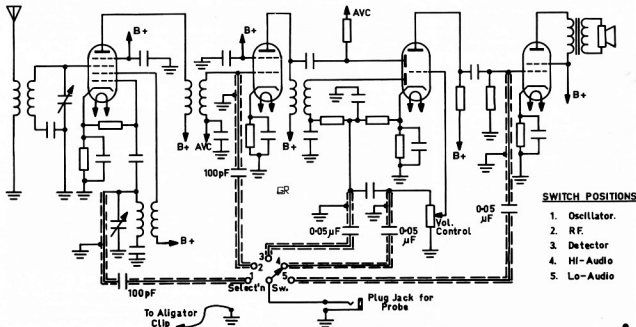
(with set using 455 KC I/Fs)

I realise that there will be many types of superhet about and the types of valves will vary enormously, but the principal is the same throughout. In this diagram the first valve is the Mixer, the second is the IF amp, the third is AVC DET. and 1st Audio, and the last valve is the Output amplifier. The rectifier is not shown.

When making connections to the switch place the condenser as near as you can to the component or element and the length of shielded cable is then earthed near that point and the rest of the cable run to and joined at the switch. A length of about two feet joined to a crocodile clip makes up the earth lead and this can be soldered or just plugged into the chassis.

If you like this idea and give it a go and find it successful you can later on make a more sophisticated tracer by using most of the equipment again but altering some of the coils and switches. Try this first. The main thing in getting this going, is to get a copy of the circuit of the receiver (if you can) or get some friend to help out with where to put the connections on. It looks a bit hard, but it really isn't.

BELOW: A standard circuit for pre-solid state broadcast receivers.



SWITCH POSITIONS

1. Oscillator.
2. RF.
3. Detector
4. Hi-Audio
5. Lo-Audio

Commercial Kinks

with Ron Fisher VK3OM

3 Fairview Ave., Glen Waverley, 3150

FT101 VOX OPERATION

It's now quite a while since we discussed the FT101. Perhaps it is indicative of the reliability of these rigs that very little is ever heard of serious problems or the need for odd modifications. To start with, in this present discussion we will look at the adjustment of the VOX circuits. Earl Lagergren K7DEP, DL4LE and VK2EP devised the following and Les VK4LZ forwarded it on to me.

"Recently I had the pleasure of visiting with Les VK4LZ, and came across the following problem with his FT101. Since this appears to be a common problem and prevents many fellows from using the VOX, I thought I would pass along my experiences with it. Les's VOX would operate satisfactorily for a few minutes and then slowly hang-up.

Looking at the VOX schematic on page 17 of the instruction manual, you will see that the VOX relay is controlled by a bipolar transistor (Q6) which will operate the relay as soon as the base voltage increases above about 0.7 volt. The base voltage is controlled by the action of a junction FET (Q5) in the following manner: with no inputs from either the VOX or anti-trip circuitry, the voltage on the gate of Q5 will be zero. With zero gate voltage the drain voltage of Q5 and therefore the base voltage of Q6 will be a factor of the drain load resistance R25, the particular FET characteristics and the source bias determined by the value of VR3.

Let us assume the source bias pot VR3 RELAY is adjusted so that the quiescent drain voltage is 0.4 volt. Any speech from the mike will be amplified by the VOX amplifier and rectified by D1 and D2. The gate voltage will no longer be zero, and as it goes in the negative direction the drain voltage will become more positive. As soon as the drain voltage increases from 0.4 to 0.7 the VOX relay will be activated. With no further speech input this voltage will fall back to 0.4 volt and somewhere along the way the rig will switch back to receive.

This is the problem; if the base voltage as adjusted by VR3 RELAY is too close to the turn-on voltage of Q6, then any slight drift may cause the transceiver to hang-up in transmit. However, if the RELAY pot is adjusted too far in the other extreme, too much VOX gain will be required and the

VOX may not operate on the first syllable.

The best method of adjustment is as follows: with the receiver audio gain turned down speak into the mike and turn the VR3 RELAY pot fully counter-clockwise. This should cause the rig to hang-up in transmit. Now slowly turn the pot clockwise until the relay drops out and then turn it a fraction more to take any drift into account. Now advance the VOX gain pot VR1 until the VOX actuates on the first syllable. Turn up the receiver audio gain, tune in a strong signal, and advance the anti-trip pot VR5 until the relay stops chattering. It might be necessary to play with these two pots a bit. However, it is much better to keep the mike and speaker separated and use only a little anti-VOX than to put the mike right in front of the speaker and need too much anti-VOX."

IMPROVED CW OPERATION FOR THE FT101B

Try This

with Ron Cook VK3AFW
and Bill Rice VK3ABP

KP202 RF POWER AMPLIFIER

A power amplifier is useful when using the KEN KP202 as a mobile or base. This is best done by using an RF switched power amplifier between the KEN KP202 and the antenna.

The amplifier unit consists of a relay driven by an RF Sensor and uses a 10 W class C transistor RF power amplifier. The

Tom House VK2BTH makes a simple suggestion for CW operators lucky enough to own an FT101B.

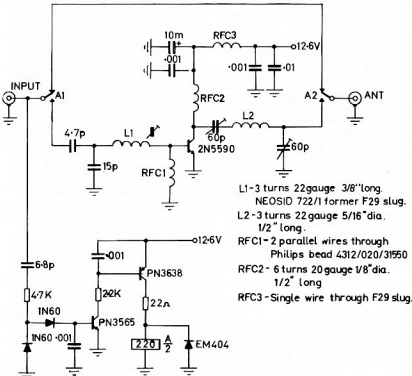
"Owners of the popular Yaesu FT101B transceiver who like both CW and SSB will probably have noticed that unless the microphone is unplugged when operating in the CW mode, the VOX tends to cycle on and off. A simple remedy is, on switching to CW, to turn the mic gain fully clockwise (maximum). A perusal of the circuit diagram shows that this effectively shorts to earth the output of the mic stage to the VOX amplifier when the unit is receiving. It allows the microphone to be left permanently in place, thus avoiding much tiresome and time-consuming pulling and tugging."

Remember, when reverting to SSB, to return the mic gain to its normal position.

RF power amplifier is a 10 watt RF Power Kit (Dick Smith Electronics) which uses a 2N5590 transistor. If higher output is desired a 25 W board could be added on also.

The changeover relay is actuated by detecting the RF from the KEN, and using this to drive the relay via a DC amplifier. The relay used was a small cradle relay with low capacitance and high current contacts. Suitable relays may be obtained from Siemens and other sources.

The amplifier was simply peaked up for output and produced 9 watts output for 12 volt supply and 1.5 watts drive. But 14 volts supply and 1.5 watts drive produced 12 watts output, so keep the battery volts up.



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Newcomers Notebook

with Rodney Champness VK3UG

44 Rathmullen Rd., Boronia, Vic., 3155

Letters to the Editor

Any opinion expressed under this heading is the individual opinion of the writer and does not necessarily coincide with that of the Publishers.

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Brian Hannan's letter in September issue has spurred me to write about the problems of the associate member in the WIA. I cannot but agree that associate members do receive a raw deal — at least in Victoria. Some three to four years ago a delegation from the Eastern Zone at a special Divisional Council meeting brought up this very point, and the additional point that associates have no voting rights even in matters which affect them only.

The membership fee which now stands at 97 per cent of full membership fee is unjust considering the reduced privileges the associate receives. They have no voting rights on any subjects, their WIA listers numbers are not published, there are few articles in AR which are of value to them, I'm not sure but I think they pay to the IARU, they pay for part of the Federal conventions at which their affairs are not discussed, and they have no need of the help of the TVI committee or to receive assistance in dealing with "problem" neighbours. It was with these things in mind that the Eastern Zone broached this subject. The Eastern Zone was told that it cost just as much to administer an associate as a full member and that there could be no consideration of associates having any voting rights even on subjects that only concerned them. The inference was more fool the associates for belonging to the WIA. Regrettably, I have no reason to believe that the Victorian Divisional Council have changed their minds on the importance of the associate in the whole scheme of amateur radio.

I believe that a membership fee of 70 per cent or thereabouts would be reasonable for an associate to pay, for what they should get out of the WIA and for what they should put into the WIA. It cannot be just a one way affair. For example, on investigation it appears that the listers numbers were dropped from the callbook because they were inaccurate either through the WIA records of this nature assuming a low priority, or the associates did not advise the WIA of changes of address and such like. Why don't the people who are interested in this listing get together and make sure that the listings are accurate and up to date. Perhaps an approach could be made to the Editor of AR to determine whether each Division could submit an insert for each State of the listers numbers, names and addresses in much the same way as the callign amendments are done. The system I envisage would be that VK5 would only receive the VK5 list of listers, likewise VK3 only the VK3 listers and so on.

I couldn't agree more that the content of AR directed towards associate members is relatively small. However, Newcomers Notebook is read at the associate and the newly licensed amateur. Regrettably very little feedback is received to determine whether or not this column is filling this need. I have appealed from time to time for help with the column and have been desisted by the alliance of people speaking up and offering. I have very little time to prepare articles — a co-author for this segment of the magazine would be most desirable. I cannot recall when I last saw an article written by an associate. It is difficult for a licensed amateur to write for people with significantly different interests to his. The associate member must contribute more to the magazine, not just because the fact that there is very little to interest him in AR. The SWL notes deal a natural death through lack of contributions by the associate members.

Perhaps the whole outlook of the WIA, executive, divisional councils, rank and file amateurs and the associate members should change concerning what role the associate plays in the WIA. The associate grading should be the way in which a radio enthusiast is introduced to amateur radio. I believe that the person we are attempting to attract to the broad spectrum of amateur radio knows nothing of it — because of lack of publicity on our part. These people of whom we know nothing would join as associates and a large proportion would

likely become amateurs. We need good publicity followed up by good educational courses in amateur radio. These two aspects will be most important when and if the Novice certificate comes in. Quite a proportion of the 27 MHz pirates might not have been pirates if we had had some publicity in the World at large, and courses of instruction to help them on the way to amateur radio. I estimate that there are more pirates than licensed amateurs. Wouldn't it be good if most had become amateurs instead of pirates? Have we lost these people because of our "closed house" attitudes, I say in many cases we have.

To recapitulate: (1) The associate member has my support for a lowering of fees in his case, and I am sure other full members would too. In each case contact sympathetic amateurs in your own states so that this point can be put forward. If you don't contact full members you cannot expect their help.

(2) I believe that associates should have voting rights but only on those things which directly concern them.

(3) Associates themselves need to push for the re-issuance of the listers numbers.

(4) Associates need to contribute more to AR if they want a fair coverage of items of interest to them.

(5) The WIA in total needs to look carefully into the role of the associate as it is and what it should be.

(6) The WIA needs to publicize amateur radio much more widely than it does currently, and perhaps steer young people who might go pirating on the road to amateur radio.

(7) The WIA needs more and better instructional courses for radio/electronics amateurs. Perhaps the Government could be persuaded that these types of courses should be subsidised under the free tertiary education scheme.

(8) These particular points become increasingly important with the possibility of Novice licensing. Think these points over whether you be a full or associate member. The time for change is perhaps already upon us.

Rodney Champness, VK3UG

The Editor,

Dear Sir,

I was intrigued with the problem raised in the letter to the Editor of AR, July 1974, by VK6TU, and have given a few thoughts to it.

I have not seen the reference quoted from the "Radio Communication Handbook", hence I do not know as to what type of valve or circuit conditions to which it applies.

The statement is correct in relation to a type 813 beam power valve used under class C conditions with a very stable independent screen grid power supply. This was verified in a practical test with an 813. When tuning the plate circuit with resonance, the plate current dip and the screen grid current peak occurred together.

The reference that in the amplifier no grid current was flowing, indicates that the 6146s were being used in either class A or class AB1, and probably are parallel connected. No reference to the type of drive being used was made, i.e. grid or cathode drive.

The 6146 is a little different in one respect from other beam power valves. It has a rather low screen grid impedance and it is this which makes screen grid modulation slightly more difficult than with, say, an 807, for AM.

I have extracted the following data for a pair of 6146s from a valve manufacturer's data sheet for class AB1 operation under ICAS conditions. Plate Voltage: 750 V.

Screen Voltage: 20 V. Preferably obtained from a very stable power supply, either independent or extra well regulated.

Control grid Voltage: 50 V. Again preferably from a well regulated supply. Cathode bias is not recommended.

Plate current: Zero signal input. 57 mA, maximum signal input 227 mA.

Screen grid current: Zero signal input. 7 mA, maximum signal input 27.5 mA.

Power Output: 120 watts.

Assuming that the 6146 behaves as stated in the Handbook, the problem may be due to any of the following:

Screen grid voltage not sufficiently stable. This is vitally important as variations in screen grid voltage have more effect on plate current than

This month I have a few more short circuits from Zero Beat.

JUNE 1969 HARRY SMITH VK3ZXS. An ordinary, cheap, glass cutter (disc roller type) makes an excellent tool for cutting aluminium sheet. Some care must be taken to score both sides opposite each other then flex until it breaks at the score. In most cases, and especially if the sheet is large, it pays to clamp the aluminium between two pieces of timber of appropriate size. Try putting one end in the vice and fix the other with a G clamp, or use two clamps.

JUNE 1969. Correcting fluid designed to cover mistakes in typed mimeographed stencils can also be used for repair of small tears and holes in speaker cones. The solution is inexpensive and can be purchased in small bottles from any of the office supply stores.

AUGUST 1969. Winding coils with enamelled wire and having trouble cleaning the ends for soldering? Then try this. Heat the area you want to strip in a methylated spirit flame. A small jar with screw lid with a wick through a tight hole in the top will do as a burner. When it is red hot dip it into some cold methylated spirit and you have a perfectly cleaned wire.

AUGUST 1969. After applying decals (transfers) to a panel, cabinet, etc., fix them to ensure their permanency. Use a small camel hair brush to apply a small amount of acetone fingernail polish remover, or lacquer thinner to the decal. Use just enough solvent to dissolve the clear decal backing.

APRIL 1970. Where there is not much room to work, replacement transistors will be easier to insert if the leads are staggered, that is cut each lead a little shorter than the other. This allows you to insert only one lead at a time instead of trying to manoeuvre three leads through three holes all at once. The excess length can be cut off after the leads have been soldered.

APRIL 1970. One neat and simple method of providing taps on hand wound coils is to make a loop in the wire and twist it two or three times. Continue on with the coil to the end and cut the loop on one side near the twist, clean the twist and solder. The piece of wire in the loop gives you your tapped lead. ●

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HF MARKER STATIONS

Radio telephony weather broadcasts radiate from the Sydney area on 3432, 6680 and 10017 kHz at each hour and 30 minutes past each hour. The broadcasts on 3432 and 6680 are good markers to determine whether 80 m and 40 m bands are open from your QTH to VK2, especially the Sydney area.

variations of plate voltage. (More so than in a telecine.)

Screen grid current supply from power supply insufficient, i.e. the power supply voltage may be reasonably stable even if the power supply cannot provide sufficient current.

Control grid bias not sufficiently stable.
Use of cathode bias. (Cathode drive systems can introduce unsuspected cathode bias because of the ohmic nature of the drive circuit.)

Control grid resistance is excessive. If used, suggest a change to RF choke.

Use of parallel valves. It may happen that unity power factor does not occur at resonance. Quite common with parallel triodes.

Output loading not tight enough.

Trust that these notes may help in solving the problem.

Chris Cullinan, VK3AXU

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

I noted with interest the listing of top scores for the 1973 CQ WW WPX Contest (P.20 AR, August 1974).

It may be of some interest to you that I was successful in obtaining "second world high" in that contest as single operator on 21 MHz with a score of 343, 826 points, operating as VK9RY (P29R) since self government.

Perhaps of equal interest (and I trust encouragement) to would-be contest participants is the fact I throughout the contest my final PEP to the antenna never exceeded 200 watts. The antenna was a "home brew" 6 element monoband Yagi with a 34 ft. boom and (believe it or not) for the past five years has been rotated unerringly by a Stollie Rotator!

The same combination was used on 21 MHz for the 1973 VK-ZL Contest.

Ron Johns
P29RJ/ex VK9RY/ex VK1RJ
MWIA and foundation member of Radio Society of Papua

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

I would like to say that I am in agreement with Brian J. Hannan's letter which was published in AR for September 1974.

I can't see why Associate members should pay \$17.50 a year to join the WIA which, as Mr. Hannan stated, is only 50c less than a full member. The associate member (as far as I can see) does not have a say as to how the money the WIA gets is spent, and is unable to vote on any matters that will affect him when he obtains his Amateur licence. Neither can he get a concession on a ham band or general coverage receiver as do full members if they import a transceiver into the country.

There must be several associate members that are more interested in the listening side of amateur radio, that is, sending reports to amateurs and receiving QSL cards, and through no fault of their own, are not able to study to become an Amateur.

There must be also a number of associate members apart from those sending QSL cards to amateurs, who enjoy reading AR, and have to join the WIA to obtain it, as it is not available through book shops or newsagents.

The only advantage I can see that associate members get from the WIA is the non-postage on QSL cards. I am not running the WIA down, as they do a good job for the fully licensed Amateur.

The same thing happens in NZ where the associate member pays 50c less than the "first class" member. Although both have to pay 10c per card to be sent through the NZART Bureau, they also have no voting rights similar to the associate member in Australia.

73 Barrie Boyce L3-425
(Licensed Amateurs in Australia are also unable to obtain concessions on receiver imports. The matter is still being pressed. —Ed.)

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

Rising Prices.
I have for some time tried to wage a private war against rising prices of items offered for sale to Amateurs. This was made possible by a number of dealers and the fact that I considered this matter a leisure activity to make available certain products to Amateurs whose workshops lacked metalworking facilities.

It is now necessary to report that this policy cannot be continued indefinitely and new prices, about 1/3rd higher will have to be charged as soon as presently available stock (four only) of Quad kits and other items are sold.

The need for this action is regretted but, with rapidly rising prices for raw materials of all types, it is impossible for me to maintain prices at present levels.

Syd Clark, VK3ASC

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With Syd Clark, VK3ASC

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New Products

Information is to hand on a new range of five multi-voltage, general purpose, power transformers from Ferguson.

Two of the transformers have two independent 0-12-15 volt windings while the other three have either two 0-25-32.5 or two 0-25-35 volt windings. Outputs from 3 to 70 volts and 10 to 20 amps are available using different arrangements. The 15 volt units are available in 75 VA (5 A max per winding) and 120 VA (4 A) while the 35 volt units come in 105 VA (1.5 A), 210 VA (3 A) and 350 VA (5 A).

All except the 120 VA unit are fitted with electrostatic screens and all comply with A.S. C 126.

The sample unit was used up to spec, well constructed and quiet.

This range should prove most versatile and useful for the amateur.

Intruder Watch

with Alf Chandler VK3LC

1536 High Street, Glen Iris, 3146

This month I have a grouch. I am getting far too few reports of Intruders.

This is not because Intruders are not in our bands, but because most Members are apathetic towards reporting them.

That is a very bad show!

One ray of sunshine has emerged though. On 14150 kHz daily, except Sundays, from about 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Melbourne time, VK3UE controls a net in which many stations participate, either momentarily or prolonged, and he has agreed that any Member who has heard an intruder and wishes to pass on the news can call in on the net and, either he or myself can take the particulars. This is a great step forward, and I have already had several interesting reports.

Also, another method which I am pursuing, and one that takes the onus off Members writing out reports on the forms supplied, is for Members to telephone me. My number is 50 2556 in Melbourne, but please do not ring after 9 p.m. in the evening. When you hear an intruder just take a note of the following: Date and time GMT; Frequency; Mode; Signal strength; Call Sign (if identified); any traffic heard; and if possible, the heading of the intruder. As in first reporting, I shall require your type of receiver and its IF frequency, and an indication whether you mind me mentioning your Call sign, because I shall wish to sign the form as for yourself per mail.

In Brisbane Murray VK4XK phone No. 36 5585; in Perth Ross VK6DA No. 24 2909; in Adelaide Leith VK5LQ No. 276 4724; will take any calls that you wish to make.

Some members seem to think it futile to report intruders. This is far from the truth, and it is to the credit of the WIA Intruder Watch that some stations have been removed from our bands. A notable example is KJG who, by the RTTY read-out sent to me by Member J. G. G. was reported to RSGB who in turn prevailed upon the Yugo-Slav Government through the British Administration and had that station removed.

I may be a little premature, but it is some time since the Indonesian stations 7BD2 etc, on 14090 kHz have been heard. Don't for a moment think that this is because of the Indonesian stations reported by intruders. I have been supplied with a page from the document RR62 — "The Board (IFRB) shall prepare periodically, for publication by the Secretary General, summaries of the useful monitoring data received by it including a list of the stations contributing the data". This double sided page which is pages 297 and 298 covers from 13902 to 14385 kHz, and is full of intruding stations mostly only identified by country.

An interesting feature is that those identified have similar Call signs to those heard in our bands by Amateur Observers. So you see the necessity and the advantage of reporting those insidious intruders.

Reports reported August through September are as follows —

21313	A1	FUJ	— calling FAAG with weather report in French.
14040	A1	—	calling JPB — stopped when QR'd.
14046	A1	IIAV	— High speed CW.
14076	A1	—	5 figure code.
14111	F1	—	RTTY code.
14128	A1	—	Letter and figure code.
14131	A1	VLKH	— calling 3NH.
14133	A1	VLUH	— Vs and ORQ, QRZ.
14150	A1	DMOQ	calling OUNC. 4 letter groupings.
14152	F1	RTTY	100 baud, 500 shift.
14182	A1	—	Letter and figure code.
14184	F1	RTTY	500 shift.
14240	A1	OGZB	—
14253	A3	—	Foreign broadcast.
14326	F1	RTTY	500 shift.
14328	A1	MNYV	calling 53NI.
3615	A3	—	Foreign broadcast.
3643	A1	AAQJ	— calling OD9X.
3645	A1	—	4 figure code.

Contests

with Jim Payne, VK3AZT

Federal Contest Manager,
Box 67, East Melbourne, Vic., 3002

STATE SCORES

VK1 Phone	GB	RA	NT	TR	LF	QJ	DA	BV	WA
1164 438	553 228	467 227	436 201	424 139	239 98	213 90	181 102	138 112	ZMV
JG 129 40	ZAR 98 90	RY 98 98	TJ 82 19	MF 76 57	CR 61 57	AN 58 40	DS 53 53		
TH 41 30	KW 30 30	RL 11 11	PM 8 8	RD/4 758 260					

CP	OW	CM	ZO	ANU	MJ	MR
714 180	872 165	638 161	584 142	582 180	506 116	448 118
JI 442 112	YK 320 70	NK 266 68	SJ 264 74	ARK 342 73	AZT 222 55	ABS 152 50
GK 100 24	TJ 92 24	ABR 82 22	AJB 74 24	BDH 18 7		

1974 REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST RESULTS

	a	b	c	d	e	f
VK5 & B	289	837	34.5	1485	71944	25325
VK4/P29	132	775	17	1945	49049	10299
VK6	77	525	14.6	1444	29152	5719
VK1	35	130	26.9	1056	11203	4072
VK2	109	2151	5.1	1522	34524	3271
VK7 & O	42	231	18.1	706	12003	2888
VK3	89	2054	4.3	1046	30555	2370

a—Logs received d—Average top 6 logs
b—Licences e—Total score
c—Logs/Licences % f—Trophy score

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE VK5 & B participants.

Their joint effort was well organised and the received cover sheets received with most of their logs made my job much easier. Column "c" of the results shows the call areas where prior organisation must wrest the trophy from VK5. But pity the contest manager, for this time there were 809 logs received and over 200 of them arrived during the two days before entries closed.

Unfortunately a few logs contained less than the minimum 5 contacts and consequently could not be recorded. Several misread the scoring table and claimed highly inflated scores; quite a number failed to double scores for CW contacts, and a surprisingly large number either did not total their score or make any effort to score. Several operators forwarded check logs and some of the top scorers prepared their logs with meticulous care. Generally, the numerous comments referred to a most enjoyable contest but quite a few criticised various aspects which cumulatively ask the question, is it a contest or a QSO party? This column is not the place to record those constructive criticisms and they will be referred to the Executive. The VK7 people were very disappointed because repeater contacts were not allowed this time and copies of their comments will be forwarded to their Councilor.

Many operators recorded the name of the distant op and one entry, written with pride in the log received from VK4AL/8 shows VK3OW as "Dad".

It had to happen! Operators are allowed logkeepers. As an SWL submitted in the receiving section, a replica of a log entered in the transmitting, phone section, is there any good reason why an SWL should not have an operator?

DIVISIONAL SECTIONAL LEADERS' LOGS ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER CHECKS

In the following detailed scores the first figures are the points scores and the second contacts made.

RECEIVING (OPEN)

VK2	J. Hilliard	449	141
VK3	E. Trebilcock	628	164
VK4	J. O'Sullivan	442	172
VK5	R. Wilford	1564	587
	L. Collins	1137	312
	M. Spooner	1131	408
	M. Wall	922	425
	J. MacDonald	621	228
	T. Warrington	504	204
	R. Chester	361	129
	G. Emedeas	286	121
	D. Minchin	234	95
	R. Taylor	40	14
	I. Vickers Green	26	11
VK6	T. McGrath	1268	509
	G. Down	614	240
	R. McIntyre	461	168
	M. Clarke	459	187
VK7	P. Hall	913	387
	R. Everett	638	291

VK3

Phone	AFW	1127	500	BFN	393	154	WM	153	47
BOL	1119	553	KK	290	114	AJR	129	51	51
AYF	1066	525	ZD	287	123	BMB	128	128	128
HT	1008	487	DC	280	121	BKW	122	121	121
AUD	845	461	ASN	280	101	AJP	122	52	52
ADW	792	308	VO	250	100	BJM	112	55	55
AXY	780	355	BMA	244	153	YHS	103	103	103
ARV	744	336	JK	244	117	BJB	95	95	95
SNM	722	301	QP	235	93	ZBB	51	51	51
HT	659	341	ZY	233	100	NV	51	51	51
QI	583	244	AQJ	227	100	ZRG	44	44	44
BY	558	250	PV	220	88	AXU	31	31	31
YG	548	206	AKB	218	214	BAX	21	21	21
RV	517	217	HZ	214	110	ZZU	22	22	22
AGM	487	252	AVJ	207	122	ZSC	18	18	18
VP	489	220	IC	190	112	ARA	15	7	7
AFJ	397	176	ZLM	189	189	AKT	9	9	9
ABP	376	144	YF	158	80	AKT	9	9	9
QZ	372	194	LV	163	63	BRB	7	7	7
SR	353	154	UV	176	87	YDA	6	6	6
AAO	320	155	BAZ	173	67	ZPN	5	5	5
Open	AYL	985	481	QP	635	225	EZ	148	71
AYL	973	422	VF	266	160				
WW	947	443	PR	242	107				

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Phone	ZU	2113	785	GI	217	65	ZDB	60	60
VU	1365	476	CY	216	93	ZUA	58	58	58
YV	1187	439	RO	200	66	ZGR	57	57	57
OW	871	349	LN	198	81	ZNH	57	57	57
ZO	870	310	NO	186	45	FE	50	50	50
DO	870	310	CW	184	60	KN	50	50	50
FD	741	285	ZBV	181	181	KZ	48	48	48
CP	721	255	PU	178	50	NG	42	42	42
ZB	702	218	ZRF	173	173	TK	36	36	36
VU	688	243	ZLC	168	168	ZA	35	35	35
CZ	671	208	NO	158	53	WB	34	34	34
KS	635	208	ZW	153	67	ZAF	30	30	30
LE	633	208	NY	138	52	ZRQ	28	28	28
QX	614	220	WIG	137	46	ZNI	26	26	26
PO	589	200	XZ	134	71	ZLD	25	25	25
MW	562	176	LR	134	40	TL	22	22	22
AL	548	149	BO	129	50	QW	19	19	19
HA	514	124	HZ	114	114	VS	22	6	6
PJ	400	117	ZML	113	112	ZFA	18	18	18
FJ	377	119	AM	98	52	MU	18	18	18
GS	371	125	LV	96	36	SR	17	17	17
EM	349	122	ZZ	92	32	ZRI	17	17	17
FN	342	110	AQ	88	35	ZJM	15	15	15
CZ	309	108	NV	89	93	GT	14	14	14
IC	299	147	CR	82	34	UI	12	12	12
UC	289	121	ZDC	81	81	ZRG	11	11	11
GM	278	157	DV	75	31	ZDG	11	11	11
AJ	267	150	ZEZ	71	71	ZMD	9	9	9
JZ	250	93	ZJO	67	67	ZEK	8	8	8
LA	247	73	LA	66	30	AL/8	292	100	100
NQ	237	64	EH	64	43				
UJ	217	61	AE	61	22				

Open

IR	2396	665	WL	676	122	PV	333	109
HH	1936	617	PS	655	217	XJ	266	91
UN	1909	603	LZ	643	236	JI	209	92
HE	1787	504	NP	631	173	QH	61	29
UT	1291	363	VB	610	144	UG	60	23
JA	1005	367	UV	588	148	OS	48	15
OT	827	341	RF	518	173			
KI	765	167	AK	380	114			

CW

KX	962	159	HH	252	50	OK	104	20
UR	642	110	MY	220	38	CN	52	15
KU	492	87	CU	218	52			
FB	416	78	VA	138	30			

VK5

QX	1557	618	MF	555	184	WB	307	140
BW	1446	563	DI	542	167	SS	307	100
BI	1397	467	US	532	192	ZU	305	93
NC	1313	447	VX	511	149	ZJ	304	119
NT	1233	442	LL	507	202	NY	301	137
EN	1226	513	KR	488	222	FR	294	102
PH	1186	438	VT	486	131	XI	278	123
PN	1041	394	TY	485	225	NU	269	100
CU	901	469	WR	453	181	CH	264	104
HI	896	360	AL	451	174	AW	259	122
GM	859	353	ZGZ	453	453	XU	246	78
MI	844	332	BO	453	190	KX	239	173
LV	783	288	DV	445	273	AV	239	146
QV	767	279	DK	442	158	HN	235	120
LI	749	258	CY	433	150	NX	211	92
ZL	747	330	GL	427	300	ZQ	204	104
ZK	741	320	QY	422	138	PK	194	103
LD	735	259	QH	419	170	DF	184	58
FP	709	252	LK	406	150	BH	181	60
NT	700	268	UV	388	140	ZCF	172	172
NN	692	236	AX	372	144	ZMP	172	172
ZB	678	233	LA	357	119	TB	164	58
VB	634	227	ZDD	353	353	ZAC	161	161
BN	629	274	GV	347	115	FL	158	45
EF	629	243	LQ	342	104	PF	155	54
EX	611	231	UC	342	100	JD	153	69
MM	589	216	KG	317	129	AF	153	55
MM	561	229	GN	312	104	ZCR	150	150

BD	150	46	AS	68	42	PS	24	24
ZJV	148	148	ZNJ	67	67	WB	24	14
ZE	141	62	FA	63	41	CS	24	6
WN	141	79	JO	63	30	WW	22	22
AH	140	41	EQ	63	21	ZKP	22	22
OZ	139	50	ZKS	60	60	ZMR	22	22
KH	138	65	QE	60	30	ZTK	20	20
TW	136	60	ZCV	56	56	VH	20	20
MT	131	62	OZ	56	21	ZTT	19	19
PO	131	38	ZDL	53	53	UL	19	12
JU	129	51	GX	52	52	WA	19	8
SD	128	37	TU	51	31	ZOO	18	18
CL	123	74	ME	51	30	ZL	17	10
HW	123	40	OO	50	25	WD	17	5
ZKJ	121	121	ON	50	18	ZAH	16	16
ZN	118	118	ZIB	49	49	RS	16	16
AL	116	30	GO	49	49	BA	16	9
BS	113	33	ZAR	48	48	ZY	16	8
ZAJ	110	110	ZBC	47	47	ES	16	5
KF	108	49	LW	47	24	UA	16	5
OG	108	38	IR	46	46	TX	15	15
ID	107	32	ZHF	45	45	ZSJ	15	15
SR	104	38	WK	45	22	ZZX	15	15
DE	104	30	QP	44	22	CC	14	14
ZS	102	63	LG	41	41	JN	14	14
GF	102	39	ZDT	41	41	ZFX	14	14
AC	102	30	PB	40	20	ZMC	14	14
JR	100	64	JA	39	13	ZHS	13	13
XL	99	46	ZJF	38	38	ZLH	13	13
PV	99	39	EB	37	31	ZLA	12	12
DP	97	32	IB	36	11	ZAQ	12	12
W	96	29	OT	36	11	ZTX	12	12
W	96	29	ZKT	34	34	ZDT	10	10
KT	95	95	ZK	34	34	ZLO	10	10
LZ	95	22	JX	34	10	ZLT	10	10
PI	94	30	ZIM	32	32	LK	9	9
HH	91	33	KW	32	10	ZNN	9	9
TO	88	37	ZJM	31	31	AN	8	8
GW	88	30	UN	31	9	ZFM	8	8
RI	88	29	ZIF	30	30	ZIS	8	8
ZR	88	27	ZJA	30	30	BT	8	8
PR	83	36	ZLK	30	30	PG	7	7
LC	83	25	ZPP	30	30	CJ	6	6
IM	82	31	ZAW	29	29	MK	6	6
HD	80	20	ZAT	28	28	ML	6	6
YS	79	30	RW	28	13	OP	6	6
ZNJ	76	76	MB	27	9	ZMK	6	6
RY	76	21	ZHR	26	26	JF	5	5
OG	75	38	DO	26	9	SL	5	5
ZGD	74	74	ZBM	25	25	CV/4	91	31
PQ	74	32	ZPS	25	25			
JE	69	30	RP	25	14			

Open	NO	1875	555	QI	570	135	RK	178	63
	RG	1337	363	RC	485	148	MA	15	8
	BO	878	252	RR	270	105			
	XX	656	266	HM	267	76			

CW	OR	950	170	KU	400	62	DS	58	10
	ZX	900	175	XO	312	60	GD	56	12
		898	172	AO	296	49	GK	44	8
	OR	758	143	LD	190	40	LB	30	10
	MD	676	127	RL	172	25	JH	26	8
	FM	598	117	DW	160	41	RG	26	8
	IF	486	100	KQ	156	30	PE	26	7
	KJ	454	88	XO	156	28	VC	20	6
	KN	450	95	DL	110	27	UE	18	5
	NM	438	87	TL	104	20			
	FY	424	85	HO	84	25			

VKS	Phone	KG	1763	700	EB	276	111	WI	121	106
		ID	1235	500	GR	259	95	SH	112	112
		AO	1076	412	DT	255	105	ZGZ	108	108
		RY	1048	494	AN	234	152	KC	106	34
		WC	980	405	GL	225	90	CO	103	45
		DA	952	452	DZ	220	86	TU	96	37
		KW	932	364	ZIW	208	208	CW	87	49
		VP	778	284	VK	180	82	TZ	75	72
		JK	739	287	ZHJ	176	172	KJ	72	35
		KJ	668	253	FW	172	62	MM	68	68
		PH	666	256	PH	164	67	PH	68	68
		NM	568	213	DY	161	84	LT	65	21
		BD	550	203	HE	161	52	CN	59	37
		VW	495	202	WL	154	59	ML	51	15
		LG	466	100	HU	142	141	HT	45	19
		KB	465	254	BF	138	120	ZCN	40	40
		JY	342	152	MY	125	53	XK	38	10

ZKY	34	34	CD	22	9	JO	8	8
LE	29	11	AWI	19	19	RC/8	27	9
OR	25	12	NE	19	19			
NA	25	6	ZDF	10	10			

Open	CT	2073	722	NK	587	167	RL	230	75
	RU	1294	465	Z2	537	191	HX	212	61
	MA	1196	246	EJ	401	153	CR	106	32
	ZE	928	215	QJ	289	127			
	FI	713	249	EG	282	110			

CW	WT	1106	218	GA	88	20			
JF		616	132	HD	24	8			

VK7	Phone	KR	876	442	BJ	251	75	BF	68	20
		BJ	650	256	EB	236	117	FB	58	27
		NR	670	203	ZIF	194	194	ZJG	51	51
		MK	567	248	OA	149	70	ZDA	36	36
		LH	547	243	BM	127	50	ZIE	29	29
		KH	544	200	CF	112	57	ZAD	26	26
		MZ	505	138	BE	91	54	ZWX	24	24
		AX	483	248	ZBY	84	84	ZLD	23	23
		GH	451	110	ZGG	76	76	TT	9	9
		OW	387	164	LY	74	29	ZMF	6	6
		JU	286	144	DW	73	32			

Open	ZZ	368	133	AL	245	58			
	HE	340	91	PF	133	59			

CW	CH	872	171	RY	300	84	RL	12	6
RO		712	169	RK	62	21			

VK8	Phone	FB	1065	363	CEB	248	91	BB	33	13
		AX	428	171	CEG	179	53			
		AZ	291	93	RZ	144	71			
	Open	KK	1298	526	JS	346	153	AJ	168	71

CW	HA	366	66						
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VK9	Phone	MX	1038	178	DM	273	48		
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P29	Phone	DJ	1479	440	DM	577	207	CA	316	102
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ZL	Phone	1BK1	946	475	2AUS	726	341	3SZ	1119	326
		AGO	179	75	GJ	644	320			

Open	1ACL	798	390	3ABC	812	214			
	2KX	450	194	4CP	1920	422			

CW	4BE	944	103	1BUH	242	67			
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ROSS HULL MEMORIAL VHF-UHF CONTEST

1974/75
The rules were set out in last month's issue of AR. It is in the best interests of Amateur Radio to be as active as possible in these parts of the spectrum so join in if you can, please.

JOHN MOYLE NATIONAL FIELD DAY

It is only 3 months off so how about trying out your car's alternator on the lawn mower motor. Incidentally, David VK3AKG made 214 contacts during the RD contest using 2 watts F3 on 52 and 146 MHz.

CONTEST CALENDAR

Nov 10	Czechoslovakian
Nov 16/17	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Nov 23/24	CQ WW DX CW
Nov 30	10 metre ground wave test
Dec 7/8	Tops CW
Dec 7	Ross Hull Memorial
Dec 14/15	ARRL 10 metre

Czechoslovakian Contest

MN GMT Sun Nov 10 to 2400 GMT
Phone and CW all bands

Categories: Single op, both single and all band.
Multi op all band only.

Scoring: One point per qso, 3 points if with Czech stn. Multiplier total by sum of ITU zones worked on each band. Certs to top scorers in each category in each country. Logs to Central Radio Club, Box 69, Praha 1, Czechoslovakia by Dec 31st.

PROJECT AUSTRALIS

The following equator crossings are for Oscar 6 "on" satellite for November 1974. The satellite is "on" Monday night, Thursday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning local time.

Times given are U.C.T. (Z) but days are local. Figures have been corrected to latest NASA predictions.

Orbit No.	Time (Z)	Cross (+W)	Orbit No.	Time (Z)	Cross (+W)
Sat. 2nd			Sat. 16th		
9362	0728.71	160.6	9538	0847.72	180.3
9363	0923.71	189.3	9539	1042.72	209.1
9364	1118.71	218.1	9540	1237.71	237.8
9365	1313.69	246.8	Sun. 17th		
Sun. 3rd			9543	1822.7	324
9368	1858.68	333.1	9544	2017.69	352.8
9369	2053.67	1.8	9545	2212.68	21.5
9370	2248.67	30.6	9546	0007.68	50.3
Mon. 4th			Mon. 18th		
9387	0723.57	159.3	9563	0842.58	179
9388	0918.56	168	9564	1037.58	207.8
9389	1113.56	216.8	9565	1282.57	236.5
9390	1308.55	245.5	Thurs. 21st		
Thurs. 7th			9600	0737.38	162.7
9424	0813.36	171.7	9601	0932.37	191.5
9426	1008.35	200.5	9602	1127.36	220.2
9427	1203.35	229.2	9603	1322.36	249
9428	1358.34	258.2	Sat. 23rd		
Sat. 9th			9625	0732.24	161.4
9450	0808.22	170.4	9626	0927.23	190.2
9451	1003.21	199.2	9627	1122.22	218.9
9452	1158.21	227.9	9628	1312.21	247.7
9453	1353.2	256.7	Sun. 24th		
Sun. 10th			9631	1902.2	333.9
9455	1743.19	314.2	9632	2057.2	2.7
9456	1938.18	342.9	9633	2252.19	31.4
9457	2133.18	11.7	Mon. 25th		
9458	2328.17	40.4	9650	0727.1	160.1
Mon. 11th			9651	0922.09	188.9
9475	0803.08	169.1	9652	1117.08	217.6
9476	0958.07	197.9	9653	1312.08	246.4
9477	1153.07	226.6	Thurs. 28th		
9478	1348.06	255.4	9688	0816.88	172.6
Thurs. 14th			9689	1011.88	201.3
9513	0852.86	181.6	9690	1206.87	230.1
9514	1047.86	210.3	Sat. 30th		
9515	1242.85	239.1	9713	0811.74	171.1

VHF UHF

an expanding world

with Eric Jamieson VK5LP

Forreston, S.A. 5233
Times: GMT

NOVEMBER 1974

AMATEUR BAND BEACONS

VK0	VK0RSA, Macquarie Island	52.160
	VK0MA, Mawson	53.100
	VK0GR, Casey	53.200
VK1	VK1RTA, Canberra	24.475
VK2	VK2SYD, Sydney	24.475
	VK2WI, Sydney x	144.101
VK3	VK3RTG, Vermont	144.700
VK4	VK4RTL, Townsville	52.600
	VK4W1F, Mt. Mowbullan	144.400
VK5	VK5VJ, Mt. Lofy	53.000
	VK5VF, Mt. Lofy	144.600
VK6	VK6VF, Perth	52.301
	VK6RTU, Kalgoorlie	52.350
	VK6RTT, Carnarvon	52.900
	VK6RTW, Albany	144.500
	VK6VF, Perth	145.000
	VK6RTX, Devonport	144.900
VK7	VK7RT, Darwin	52.200
P29	P29GA, Lake, Niugini	52.150
JA	JA1YG, Tokyo, Japan	52.500
30	30JAA, Suva, Fiji	52.500
ZL1	ZL1VHF, Auckland	145.100
	ZL1VHW, Waikato	145.100
ZL2	ZL2VHF, Wellington	145.200
	ZL2VHP, Palmerston North	145.250
ZL3	ZL3VHF, Christchurch	145.300
ZL4	ZL4VHF, Dunedin	145.400

x denotes change of frequency.

Reading the "Victorian VHFer" I note John VK2BHO reports VK2WJ in Sydney now being on 144.101 MHz. This frequency has been noted in the listing and I hope it will prove correct. It would certainly be appreciated if changes to frequencies, call signs or locations could be advised to me by those responsible for the beacons as it would help to keep lists accurate. The fact that I do come about about accuracy of listings should be evident from the fact that I followed up a set of very incorrect listings in the 1974 NZART Call Book, mention of which was made last month. So, beacon officers, please keep me informed.

Band operational news being rather scarce this month, I feel it is just as or more important to give you a couple of reprints this month to help you with your digestion. They are very relevant, and very important, I think you should read on. The first comes from the QRT edition of "The Victorian VHFer" being the editorial by Mike Goode VK3BZ.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE BUTTON PUSHER:
"Button pushing" idealises in many respects the current "state of the art". With large numbers of commercial carphones about, the ready availability of specifically designed amateur equipment, and the use of well designed and well located repeaters, the amateur's life has become a very easy one. One wonders if the modern ham can possibly become as enthused as the older members of the fraternity who originally produced their own equipment.

"Admittedly, in some respects, today's carphones are similar to the 522 sets of yesterday, however, many amateurs may never wish to operate anything more than what is really a glorified telephone (a function which it satisfies well), as contacts are so easy to obtain. Additionally, the repeater systems are often abused by people pushing sub-standard signals through the device, despite the consequent poor reports from other operators.

"Amateurs were originally those who developed and experimented with new radio communication techniques. In today's society, such is high impossible because of the commercial exploitation of wireless and the consequent initial development. However, amateurs are still the exponents of propagation effects and there are many keen experimentalists in this field, e.g. moonbounce, and meteor scatter. Amateurs are also providing mobile

emergency communications through bodies such as WIGEN. In this sense, we are a unique group in the community as we understand how communication works" and thus we can exploit our system far more fully than other groups of communicators.

"We can only hope in the current shortage of radio spectrum that we can continue to justify our existence and preserve our frequencies for the amateurs of the future.

"Have you considered trying a little harder and producing a signal which will allow some degree of experimentation and not just sufficient to key the local repeater?"

A few comments from me. Everything Mike has said is only too true. The amount of VHF activity at present on both 6 and 2 metres, other than FM, is appalling. One needs only to look at the VHF notes in the quite large number of publications currently being produced in Australia to realise there is just about nothing to pass on for about 9 months of the year. VK5 must surely take the lemon for the lowest degree of activity anywhere in Australia, particularly on 2 metres, and I would be fairly safe in betting that it is not because of equipment building! One needs only to look at the small display of equipment brought to our WIA members equipment night each year in August to realise practically nothing VHF-wise is being constructed. A worthwhile exception is the group of gatherings at the VHF Convention on the John holiday weekend in Mt. Gambler, which was held for the 10th time this year. Despite scores of VHF amateurs attending, only a very very small display of home constructed equipment is tabled. Yet, if one looks outside on such occasions, dozens of cars have transmitting antennas mounted thereon, and connected to commercial gear.

So I think Mike is right on the ball when he pleads for some signals in areas of the bands which allow for some experimentation. And lest I mislead, VK5 particularly, likes to take home any line in my direction let the facts be put right. I have struggled to keep this column going for quite a few years now with much help from the amateur fraternity as a whole, with a few exceptions. Particularly has it been difficult during the past two years due to home construction work for the colour TV course I have been doing, and will be doing until the end of this year. Three times in succession I have won one of the section prizes for home constructed gear (all VHF oriented) at successive VWA Annual members equipment nights. For comparison, I have won no prizes for school lessons. A little bit of band listening, and still keeping the home fires burning. At present I am constructing a 432 MHz transverter, and a transmitter for 576 MHz. So lay that pen down!

The other editorial is contained in the September 1974 issue of the Geelong Amateur Radio Club Newsletter headed "Tale or NOT TV" above the name of Daryl R. St. John, VK3AOT.

"The Australian TV system is possibly the most unorthodox in the world. In 1956 when TV was first started, we had a selection of 10 TV channels (1 to 10). A few years later, as the channel situation was becoming more and more constrained and unsatisfactory, a 13 channel system was substituted. Besides adding three new channels, 0, 5A and 11, we had to alter Ch. 1, 4, 5 and a slight shift to Ch. 10. Now with FM broadcasting around the corner it appears that within the next year or two we will have to alter Ch. 3, 4, 5 and 11. If we are to use the international FM band (88-108 MHz).

"This would mean another shift in TV frequencies, also that Ch. 5A which is adjacent to our very popular 2 metre band, may be used more commonly for TV. As most, or I should say all, amateurs are aware, the move and crowd out all sorts of problems to channel 0 vice-versa. Recently, over the VK3WJ broadcast, the facts regarding Ch. 5A have been released. To the amateur, it appears that we may be "pushed" out of our popular 2 metre band, similarly to the 6 metre situation.

"It is time for us to lobby together, and discuss the 2 metre band problem at clubs, over the air, and to our local member of Parliament. It is ridiculous for a "young country" like ours to have two changes, from the original TV system in 1956 and the next year, and now we are being asked to change again. TV manufacturers have been advised to provide switching for UHF converters for future installation. . . A further TV frequency change?

"The best TV system proposed to date, appears

to be a VHF Channel 6 upwards, for country areas because of the range and propagation conditions and UHF for capital and main cities, because of lack of interference from power lines, vehicles, co-channels etc. Amateurs should be cheaper too with UHF, due to smaller size e/c.

"It is up to us now, to look into the problem. Look at the troubles associated with the shift in FM channels on 2 metres. What happens if we have to possibly vacate the entire band? Many 2 metre FM repeaters are located on the site of TV transmitters. Receiver problems, and additional expense to repeater groups will undoubtedly occur if 5A was introduced. So far here in Victoria, we have not been allocated a Ch. 5A, but in other states, especially Queensland and NSW, Channel 5A licences are pending.

"I believe that in Townsville, the channel 3 ABC station will be changed to 5A (2 metres), and a local repeater to serve a suburb on Ch. 1 (6 metres). In other words, possibly spearing no 6 or 2 metre activity from the Townsville area!

"Look out; keep up the SSB on 52, and 144 MHz. Use FM and repeaters correctly, and give some thought!"

If that doesn't prick the consciences of many amateurs I don't know what will. It was a great tragedy when we lost the lower two MHz of 6 metres, placing us in a hole. However, apart from the majority of the rest of the world, in particular, with our neighbours most likely to come within range at certain times. Many worthwhile contacts over the years have no doubt been lost because of the 2 MHz difference. Similarly, if we get pushed up to the last 52 MHz, 146 to 148, we will be isolated with a vengeance. A 2 metre yagi cut for 144 operation is an almost worthless device 2 MHz away, particularly higher, so the chap on the other end on 144 in New Zealand, as an example, is never likely to hear you, nor you him. And has it occurred to you that we have never operated on the lower and of 2 metres that if we lost all the 2 metre band, you would really have to start doing some construction work and produce 432 MHz gear (if we still had that band) because not much commercial equipment is around suitable for conversion to 432 or 440 MHz.

Finally, before the subject is changed, it surprises me to note the number of amateurs originally considered dyed-in-the-wool VHF types who, when the full licence is obtained, simply take up appliance operation on the HF bands. There is room on our bands for all kinds of operators, but don't let any of us become too narrow in our operating circle.

PORTABLE OPERATION

Despite my requests for information of proposed portable operation during the Christmas-New Year break, nothing has reached my desk, so presumably no one is going out except me. Ah! Well, I guess I will have to make do with portable operation. Instead of working other portable stations during those periods of coastal ducting and inversions. However, not quite all is lost, as Kerry VK5SU did write to me with some information on proposed operation from Ceduna this coming DX season. Kerry advises the VHF beams are being installed overhead. On 6 metres he will run CW/SSB 40 watts PEP output, AM/FM 20 watts output. All modes to a 4 el. yagi at 54 feet. 2 metres: CW/SSB 20 watts PEP output, AM also available, all to 11 el. yagi at 60 feet. He mentions that even with this low power he has been successful in working to Sydney and Canberra last year. FM: 10 watts output to a 10 element vertically polarized yagi at 57 feet, and will have available: Repeaters: New 1, 2, 3, 4. Old Ch. B. New Channel 50. He will be looking for contacts through the Adelaide and Melbourne areas. He also mentions that he will also be monitoring either Ch. 50 of Ch. B when home, and amateurs passing through Ceduna would be welcome. Thanks Kerry, for going to the trouble of writing. Would be pleased to hear from you again soon.

THE TOWNVILLE SCENE

A letter from Ron VK4ZLC, Publicity Officer of the Townsville Amateur Radio Club, indicates the repeater is progressing slowly. They are hoping to be allocated Ch. 1. The Club has been holding affairs since the 1st of June, etc. to save time for the repeater. It is hoped to site the repeater on Mt. Stuart, alongside the TV stations. Mt. Stuart is situated about 5 miles west of the town with a

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good lookout both north and south and only slight reduction in coverage to the west. Present proposals are for a 25 watts solid state repeater, possibly more power later.
 About 35 amateurs are now capable of radiating on Ch. 50 in the Townsville area, and the majority also capable of Ch. 40. On 6 metres local nets are on 53.032 Sunday mornings, while Ross VK4RO at Ayr (50 miles south) and Mario VK4ZMS (70 miles north) have regular skeds on 52.010 SSB. It is hoped there will be some signals available on 144 MHz for the coming DX season, as this may be the last opportunity for a while (due to propagation) or forever (if we lose 144-148) of working the northern VK4 boys from the southern areas.

THE VICTORIAN VHFer

The "QRT" edition of the above reached my desk recently. Very sorry indeed to see it go, it has contained a wealth of information within its pages in its rather short life. Reasons given are lack of suitable articles, rising printing and paper costs, and postal charges. All valid points. Originally the brainchild of Bob VK3ACOT, that great exponent of the art of VHF, and later carried on by Ian VK3YAY, and supported by all too few at the working end, I am sure all will regret the demise of such a worthwhile contribution to the VHF scene. May I voice my lone thanks to those associated with its production, and mention I still have on file every copy of the "VHFer". And they will be kept for the future. A job well done, boys.

Similarly, looks like some production difficulties for the Sydney based publication "GUP". Issues have been few and far between of late, again I expect for the same reasons in Victoria. All too few willing to help with production, costs high etc., changing home demands of already overworked personnel, and so on. However, hope you can keep going for the time being Roger, VK2ZTB, your style is different, and you don't mind being controversial, certainly no yes-man!

While on the subject of publications, once again I thank all those clubs and publicity officers who continue to send me copies of their newsletter with such regularity. Although I don't write back personally, there just isn't time at present, believe

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me, their receipt is appreciated, and I feel it would be a sorry day when they ceased to arrive.

That's probably enough for this month, looks like a few grouches aired etc. but all in a good cause, I could add more, but won't. Closing with the thought for the month: "We have too many people who live without working, and we have sit-together too many who work without living". And did you hear about the transistor-radio manufacturer — he's so outstandingly successful he's looking for smaller premises!

The Voice in the Hills.

Awards Column

with BRIAN AUSTIN VK5CA
 P.O. Box 7A, Crafts, SA, 5152

ITU "DIPLOME DES 100" AWARD

Secretary General M. Mill of the International Telecommunication Union has announced the establishment of an award for radio amateurs and shortwave listeners in recognition of their efforts to promote international goodwill through amateur radio. Known as the "Diplome des 100", the award will be given to any amateur who submits proof of contact with stations in 100 different member-countries of the ITU, or to any SWL who proves reception of amateur stations in same. Only contacts made on or after January 1, 1967, or after a country's ratification or accession to the Montreux convention, whichever is later, may be counted.

Only stations using frequencies, emission modes, and call signs which are in accordance with the ITU Radio Regulations may be logged or contacted for purposes of this award. There will be no endorsements for special conditions, but stickers will be given for each ten additional Administrations contacted or logged.

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- SWLs need send reports to 5 stations as above.

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QSL cards are not required to be submitted.

Licensed amateurs apply with a copy of the station log, signed by the applicant. SWLs apply by enclosing a copy of their SWL licence and the QSL cards to the 5 stations of department 35.

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NOVEMBER 1954

"Should We Hold a Region III Congress". The Institute was fast becoming aware of the need for an international approach to the problem facing the Amateur Service. Even in 1954 intruders in the exclusive amateur bands were common. The battle continues today. The question of reporting modulation quality was one that came up from time to time. With the RST system firmly established by this time, an RSM system was proposed by the RSGB. The 'M' was to denote modulation quality on a 1 to 5 basis with 'unintelligible modulation' at the lower end and 'good modulation, not exceeding 100 per cent' at the other.

Ray Jones VK3RJ in his Federal QSL Bureau Notes reports on one of the most interesting cards he had ever handled. The card from KF3AB located on Fletcher Ice Island in the Arctic, confirmed a QSO with Chas VK1AC on Macquarie Island. In a letter accompanying the QSL, the writer Lloyd Hull claims that the QSO is a record as no other pole to pole contacts had previously been made.

Technical articles in November 1954 Amateur Radio included: The New Look in Frequency Modulation, part two—the receiver, by John Miller VK2ANF; Part two of the Complete Amateur by Tom Atkins VK4UT described a small single-pole-ladder plus a newcomers introduction to serial-parallel and Jack Duncker VK3VZ described the 'New Over-tone Oscillator Circuit'. This was later known as the Robert Dollar circuit.

A 'stop press' item announces that South Australia has won the 1954 RD contest with Western Australia a close second.

Silent Keys

ERN HODGKINS — VK2EH
FRED ORVAD — VK2AHX

The month of July 1974 brought sorrow to the Central Coast Radio Club.

First, the passing of Ern VK2EH and in the same week, Fred VK2AHX.

Ern was one of the old-timers and was licensed in 1934 but held one of the early Experimenters Licences prior to that. He spent the greater part of his life in the Technical Education Department and resided on the Central Coast for many years.

Wherever Ern went he was active in the Amateur Radio Field and for a number of years operated the Morse Tape Service and regularly took his place on the nightly Morse practice session on 80 metres.

In this capacity he assisted many present Hams to obtain their licences and gained great pleasure from doing so.

He was a past president of the Central Coast Club and held office of some kind the whole time he was a member. Ern became ill a couple of years ago and had to relinquish a lot of Ham activities. He passed away after an operation in Gosford Hospital early in July.

Fred Orvad VK2AHX was another of the old brigade, first being licensed in 1937. He was a PMG telegraphist in his early days and later was attached to the electrical branch of the department.

Since moving to the Central Coast, Fred was a stalwart member of the Radio Club and always a willing worker.

Although mainly a DX man, Fred was well known on the local scene as a VHF signal retainer. He was a friend to everyone and his shack door was always open to visitors in true Ham style.

The Central Coast Radio Club will be much the worse for both these members' passing and extend sincere sympathy to their loved ones.

Their calls will no longer be heard — but, they will be remembered.

Dick Maitland, VK2BBK

LEW MACDONALD, VK2WU, late of 29 Millson Street, Charlestown, passed away on 31st August 1974 aged 65 years.

Up to the time of his death, he was an active member of the Hunter Branch of the NSW Division.

Lew obtained his Amateur Licence on 13th May 1930 and a Broadcast ticket in October 1936. He also obtained a 1st Class Commercial operator's certificate in March 1937.

Lew will be remembered by many amateurs for his assistance and instruction in helping others to obtain their amateur licence.

To his family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Ray Leben, Hon. Secretary, Hunter Branch

ALEX STEWART VK2AXF

The many friends of Alex Stewart were sad to hear of his passing away in hospital on 2nd September. Alex first entered Ham radio in the late 1950s in Temora, and later Tumut, as VK2XPF. He later spent many years in the radio section of Qantas but relinquished his call sign when on a long tour of St. duty overseas. His health caused his retirement and he came back on the air as VK2AXF. Alex always kept two receivers and two transceivers tuned to parts of the 7 mc band; and, as short call generally "raised" him if not already in a net. Many Hams attended his funeral and he will be sadly missed by many who, like myself, have known him many years.

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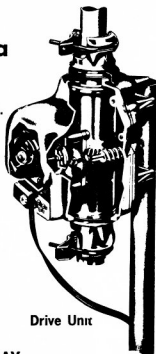
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STANDARD ORBITS — OSCAR 6

This set of Standard Orbits and the Ascending Nodes (the longitude in degrees West and the time in hours, minutes and seconds, G.M.T., of the satellite's path over the Earth, when it crosses the Equator, travelling into the Northern Hemisphere) is the only information needed to track OSCAR 6. It also allows calculation of when the satellite will be in range of the areas around other State capitals.

The morning (Southbound, at around 0900, local time) orbits over Australia have Ascending Nodes between 80 and 290 degrees West, while the evening (Northbound, at 2100 local time) orbits have Ascending Nodes between 150 and 275 degrees West. As a guide, the morning orbits will have smaller numbers at the start of the "ASCN NODE ADD MINS" column (between 56 and 82 minutes), than the evening orbits (between 86 and 104 minutes).

Ascending Nodes will be transmitted in Morse Code by the Codescore system on OSCAR 6 (29.45 and 435.1 MHz), and will also be announced on the weekly Divisional broadcasts.

If you are in or near Sydney, and want to track a (morning) orbit which has an ascending node of 359 degrees West at 2157 G.M.T., select the closest Standard Orbit from the Sydney set — 360 degrees West. Add 58 minutes to 2157 G.M.T., and you will hear the satellite at 2255 G.M.T. Time, azimuth and elevation points are given every two minutes on the Standard Orbits.

Because the satellite is in an almost circular (1460Km), near-polar orbit, with each orbit being completed in 115 minutes, given one Ascending Node (say, 330 degrees West at 1905 G.M.T.), later Ascending Nodes can be determined by simply adding the distance in degrees which separates the orbits at the Equator (the Nodal Increment, 28.8 degrees), to 330, and adding 115 minutes to 1095 G.M.T. The result is, in round figures, 359 degrees West at 2157 G.M.T., for the next orbit.

To see whether the orbit which you are tracking in Sydney will be in range of Perth, look at the Perth Standard Orbit which corresponds with the orbit that you are following. If you are tracking an orbit with an Ascending Node of 359 degrees West and are using the 360 degrees West Standard Orbit for Sydney, OSCAR 6 will be in range of Sydney from 58 to 78 minutes after the Ascending Node (2255 to 2315 G.M.T., on the example above), a total of 20 minutes. The same orbit will be in range of Perth from 68 to 78 minutes after the Ascending Node (2305 to 2315 G.M.T.). Therefore, that orbit will be in range of both Sydney and Perth from 2305 to 2315 G.M.T., so that 10 minutes of contact through the satellite will be possible. By selecting an orbit that passes midway between Sydney and Perth (e.g., an Ascending Node of 25 degrees West), contacts of up to 18 minutes are possible. For contact with New Zealand, orbits to the East of Australia should be used, while for contacts into Asia, orbits in the North and West should be used.

Users of Standard Orbits should note that the sets of Southbound Orbits start towards the end of the set (315 degrees West for Sydney) and resume at the beginning of each set (0 degrees West for Sydney), ending near the middle of the set (45 degrees West for Sydney). They are then immediately followed by the first of the Northbound orbits (150 degrees West for Sydney). It was not possible in the short time available after the OSCAR 6 launch rocket was changed to put the Southbound orbits in continuous order).

Assuming a launch at 1715 G.M.T., on 9th, October, the first Ascending Nodes bringing orbits in range of Australia will be: —

Orbit	1	324 W at 1842 GMT	9/10/72 Southbound
Orbit	2	353 W at 2037 GMT	9/10/72 Southbound
Orbit	3	22 W at 2232 GMT	9/10/72 Southbound
Orbit	4	50 W at 0028 GMT	10/10/72 Southbound
Orbit	8	166 W at 0809 GMT	10/10/72 Northbound
Orbit	9	194 W at 1004 GMT	1/10/72 Northbound
Orbit	223	W at 1159 GMT	10/10/72 Northbound
Orbit	252	W at 1354 GMT	10/10/72 Northbound

Any change in the OSCAR 6 launch date will alter the times, but not the longitudes of the Ascending Nodes. Any alterations will be notified on Divisional broadcasts.

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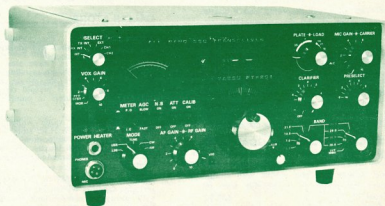
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